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# ATTACK ON SWEDEN IMMINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

REPORTS FROM BERLIN STATE THAT WILD RUMOURS HAVE SPREAD AMONG THE GERMAN POPULATION THAT THE HIGH COMMAND IS PREPARING ANOTHER "CONQUEST" WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

Diplomatic circles in the Nazi capital believe an invasion of Sweden is imminent, perhaps at the end of April, with the full consent of Italy, whose entry into the war is expected in the early part of May.

Meanwhile, considerable importance is attached to the concentrations of German troops in Memel, and opposite Sweden, and the fact that several classes, including some specialists aged 50, have been mobilised.

The Reich is apparently prepared to satisfy Italian claims in the Balkans without consideration for Soviet feelings.

The Soviet attitude towards the Reich has somewhat disappointed the Nazi leaders lately; German industrialists complain of Russia's failure to deliver important orders of Soviet goods which were promised by April 1, while the fact that neither Stalin nor Molotov congratulated Hitler on his birthday also assumes some significance.—Havas.

### German Troops Already In Transports

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Military circles confirm the report that numerous German troops have embarked on a fleet of transports in the German Baltic ports.

The transports are accompanied by many icebreakers.

Concentration of these ships opposite Sweden may be interpreted as a menace to this country but may also serve only for the transport of troops trying to reinforce the German expeditionary forces in the Oslo region.

In the latter case, however, it is difficult to understand why these embarkations were effected from the Danish Straits.—Havas.

### Iron Ore Dominates

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

With the iron ore issue dominating the whole Scandinavian affair, the Germans are apparently determined to invade Sweden and gain control of the Swedish iron deposits and the Swedish port of Lulea as soon as the Gulf of Bothnia is ice-free, local Swedish quarters state.

They add that the Germans will try to occupy the Aaland Islands, probably at the end of May, when the Gulf of Bothnia is entirely free from ice.

Occupation of the Aaland Islands would serve two aims:—

Firstly, to secure a direct threat against Sweden and obtain deliveries of iron ore, and,

Secondly, to build air bases intended to protect German ships carrying iron ore against Allied attacks.

Occupation of the Aaland Islands, which belong to Finland, might incite the Soviet to give some encouragement to Helsinki, since the islands are situated at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, now within the Russian sphere of influence.—Havas.

## FRENCH MUNITIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ARMAMENTS MINISTER, M. RAOUL DAUTRY, SPEAKING BEFORE THE ARMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER YESTERDAY, OUTLINED THE TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN ARMS OUTPUT SINCE THE WAR.

"Certain plants, particularly those engaged in armaments work, have multiplied their output ten times, surpassing all normal expectations."

M. Dautry affirmed that the production of war industries "will permit us to face any eventuality."—Havas.

### MALMO CIVILIANS READY FOR EVACUATION

Stockholm, To-day.

All arrangements have been completed for a rapid evacuation of the civilian population of Malmo.—Reuter.

## \$1,000,000 FIRE AT TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, To-day.

The largest conflagration here for many years occurred yesterday in the yard of the China Export Lumber Co., Ltd.

The fire started in the early hours of the morning in the mill, allegedly through the blowing of a fuse.

The flames spread rapidly to adjacent outbuildings and a large stock of lumber in the yard.

The mill was completely burned down and while the fire in the lumber yard is still continuing it is under control.

No-one was injured but the losses are estimated at over \$1,000,000.—Reuter.

### GERMANY INTENDS TO DECLARE WAR!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," following the participation of a Norwegian representative at the Allied Supreme War Council, the German Government intends to put an end to the fictitious state of peace between Germany and Norway by a declaration of war.—Havas.

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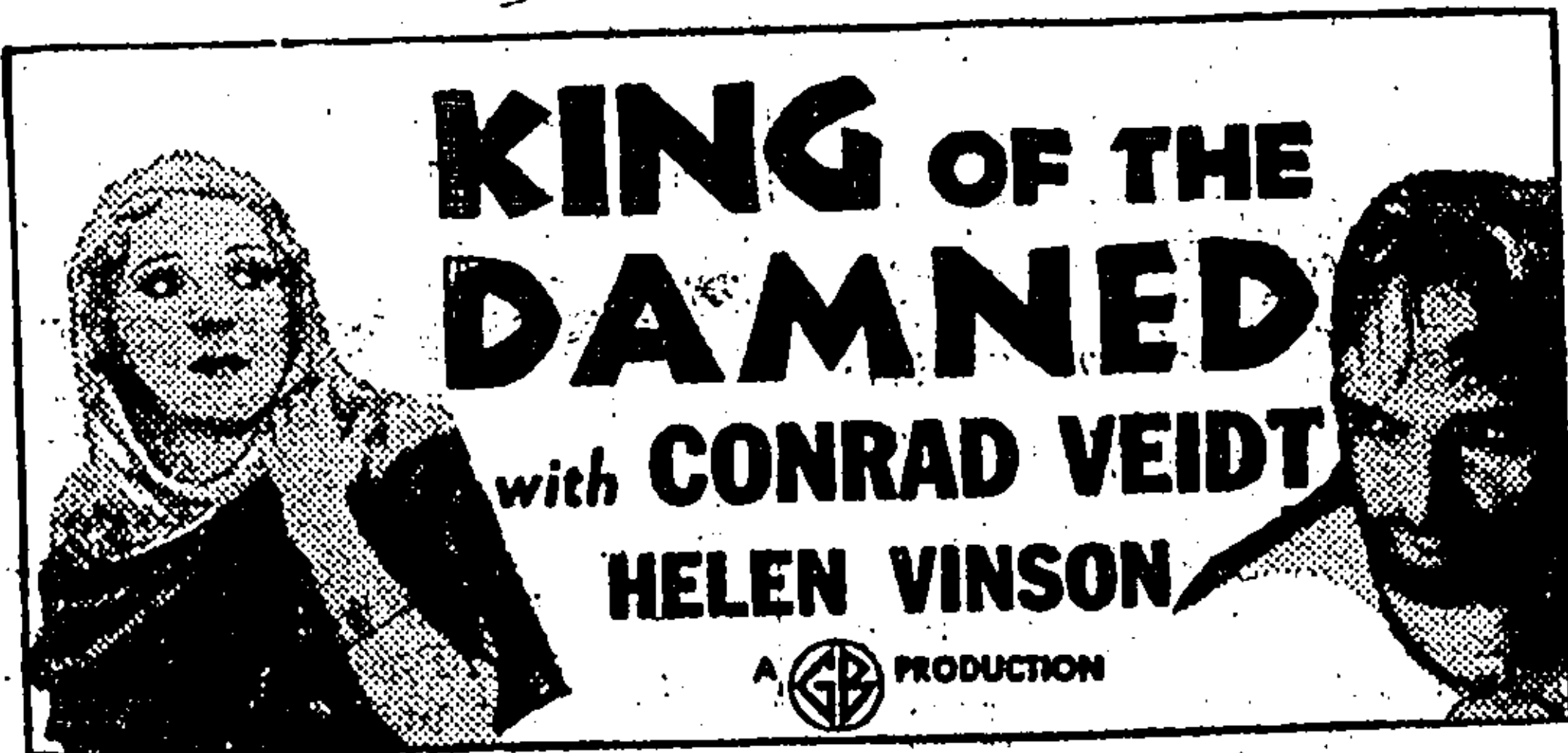
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# BUDGET NOT ENOUGH, DECLARE OPPOSITION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. PETHICK LAWRENCE YESTERDAY OPENED  
THE COMMONS DEBATE ON THE BUDGET FOR  
THE OPPOSITION.

Commenting on the burden of taxation and the manner in which the demands of the War Budget have been met he said: "The longer I live the greater grows my admiration of British people who uphold a tradition that extends for many centuries and holds a forefront place in the whole world."

Mr. Pethick Lawrence pointed out the problem confronting the country was how to turn a peace economy into a war economy.

"Unless," he said, "great sacrifices are made—sacrifices of the method of life of the great bulk of our population—we shall not be able give that support to the forces that are fighting our battles for freedom overseas which they ought to receive."

"We dare not for their sake, we dare not for our sake, hold back the full measure of support which they ought to have from us and there is a surer method than that of taxation for enabling what is to be carried through."

## LABOUR RESOURCES

He criticised failure of Government yet to obtain the full employment of the nation's labour resources and insisted on the necessity of observing equality of sacrifice between all classes.

He reserved the attitude of the Labour Party to the proposed Sales Tax until the Government's intentions are clearer but indicated that it would be opposed if it proved an aggravation of the tendency he had already perceived to unequal distribution of taxes. He agreed that the direct taxation imposed in September was as high as was reasonable but as the war went on the habits of life and the whole structure of society would tend to change and the time would come when more drastic taxes would have to be imposed.

## LIBERAL ATTITUDE

Mr. Graham White, for the Liberals, expressed doubts if the expenditure of £2,667,000,000 estimated by the Chancellor was sufficiently high.

The Allies had an overwhelming superiority over Germany provided they mobilised their resources as rapidly as possible. The country would not be satisfied till that was done. He feared the Budget was not realistic and did not take sufficient account of the fact that they were waging a totalitarian war.

Life was harder in Germany, France and Holland than it was in Britain.

They could not in safety or honour be satisfied unless they were making sacrifices equal to those of their Allies.

Mr. White also reserved the attitude of the Liberals to the Sales Tax. The debate continues.—British Wireless.

# ATTACK ON ILLITERACY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

STATISTICS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REVEAL THE FIVE-YEAR EDUCATION PROGRAMME DEALS WITH A MASS OF 140,000,000 ILLITERATES, RANGING FROM THE AGES OF 15 TO 45.

The mass education programme deals exclusively with them while illiterate children are taught in regular primary schools.

The statistics show that out of a total of 450,000,000, 360,000,000 are illiterates. From this number must be deducted 40,000,000 children below six, 45,000,000 between the ages of six to 12, 80,000,000 whose ages are above 45 and about 1,500,000 dumb, deaf, crippled and insane.—Havas.

# WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

New York, To-day.

The "World-Telegram" declares: "The obvious truth is that Hitlerism is like Bolshevism, a revolution against capitalism, against possessions and against the very life of all nations, which like this one, prefer democracy and freedom."

"The British and French are fighting for the same things that Americans would fight for." — Reuter.

## SWEDEN ISSUES BIG DEFENCE LOAN

Stockholm, To-day.

It is announced that Sweden is floating a 500,000,000 kroner (about £30,000,000) defence loan bearing interest at 4 per cent. and redeemable in five years.—Reuter.

## D.E.I. SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGNERS

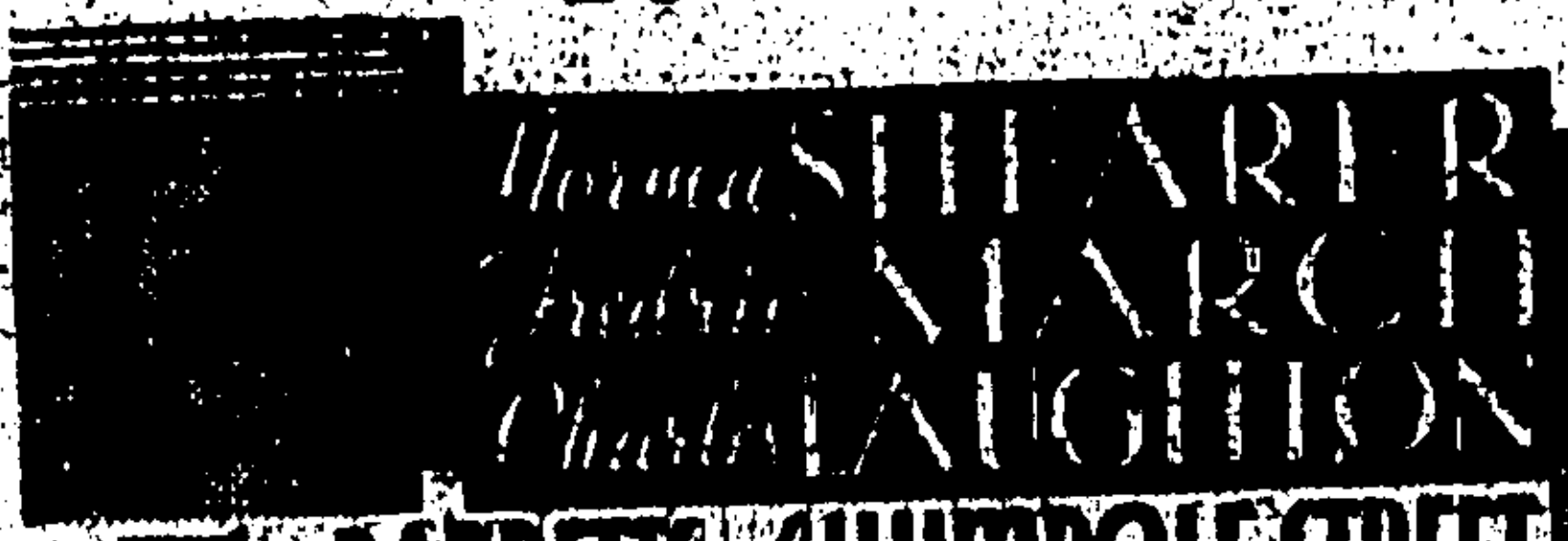
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Batavia, To-day.

The Netherlands East Indies is to increase its measures of surveillance on foreigners here.—Havas.

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# JAPAN AND U.S. NAVAL STRATEGY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

**EXTENSION OF THE CRUISING RADIUS OF THE AMERICAN FLEET IS THE MAIN CONCERN OF THE JAPANESE NAVAL AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO MASANORI ITO, FOREMOST JAPANESE NAVAL CRITIC, WRITING IN THE "JAPAN CHRONICLE."**

Mr. Ito stressed that all new American warships are designed with a view to extending their cruising radius, envisaging operations far from their bases.

The American naval building plan, he says, thus appears to be based on offensive operations in waters thousands of miles from America, and the western Pacific is evidently regarded by the U.S. Navy as "the scene of a hypothetical battle."

Mr. Ito reveals nothing about the new Japanese warships, although he strongly emphasises that their armament has been strengthened at the expense of cruising range.

This, he says, testifies that Japanese strategy "aims at defensive operations in the western Pacific, without the intention to carry naval warfare across the Pacific."—Havas.

## APPEAL FOR RED CROSS OF CHINA

THE FOREIGN AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY OF CHINA IS TO-DAY LAUNCHING AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT A GROUP OF FOREIGN DOCTORS WHOSE AID TO CHINA'S MEDICAL SERVICES HAS HITHERTO BEEN FINANCED BY THE NORWEGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Now that war has spread to Scandinavia, says the appeal, "we can only be grateful for what Norway has already done and seek elsewhere for funds to continue the support of the doctors," whose services were accepted on the understanding that their salaries (only £7.10.0d. monthly) should be paid from abroad.

A total of \$14,400 to cover the next year is needed for the ten doctors who came to China under the auspices and guarantee of the Norwegians.

Contributions should be sent to the Foreign Auxiliary to the N.R.C.S.C., Bishop's House, Hong Kong.

## EUROPEANS BITTEN

Two Europeans were bitten by dogs yesterday.

Mrs. R. Cryan, of No. 5, Leighton Hill Road, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. D. E. Davies. Mrs. Cryan was treated by Dr. Bunje while the dog was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

Mr. Warburton was bitten by a dog belonging to Mrs. W. Stoneham in Nathan Road. He was treated at the Kowloon Hospital and the dog was sent to Mataukok for observation.

## TROMSOE CARRIES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Contrary to German information announcing the destruction of Radio Tromso, the station was heard distinctly last night announcing the landing of British and French troops and asking the Norwegian population to extend all possible aid to the Allies.—Havas.

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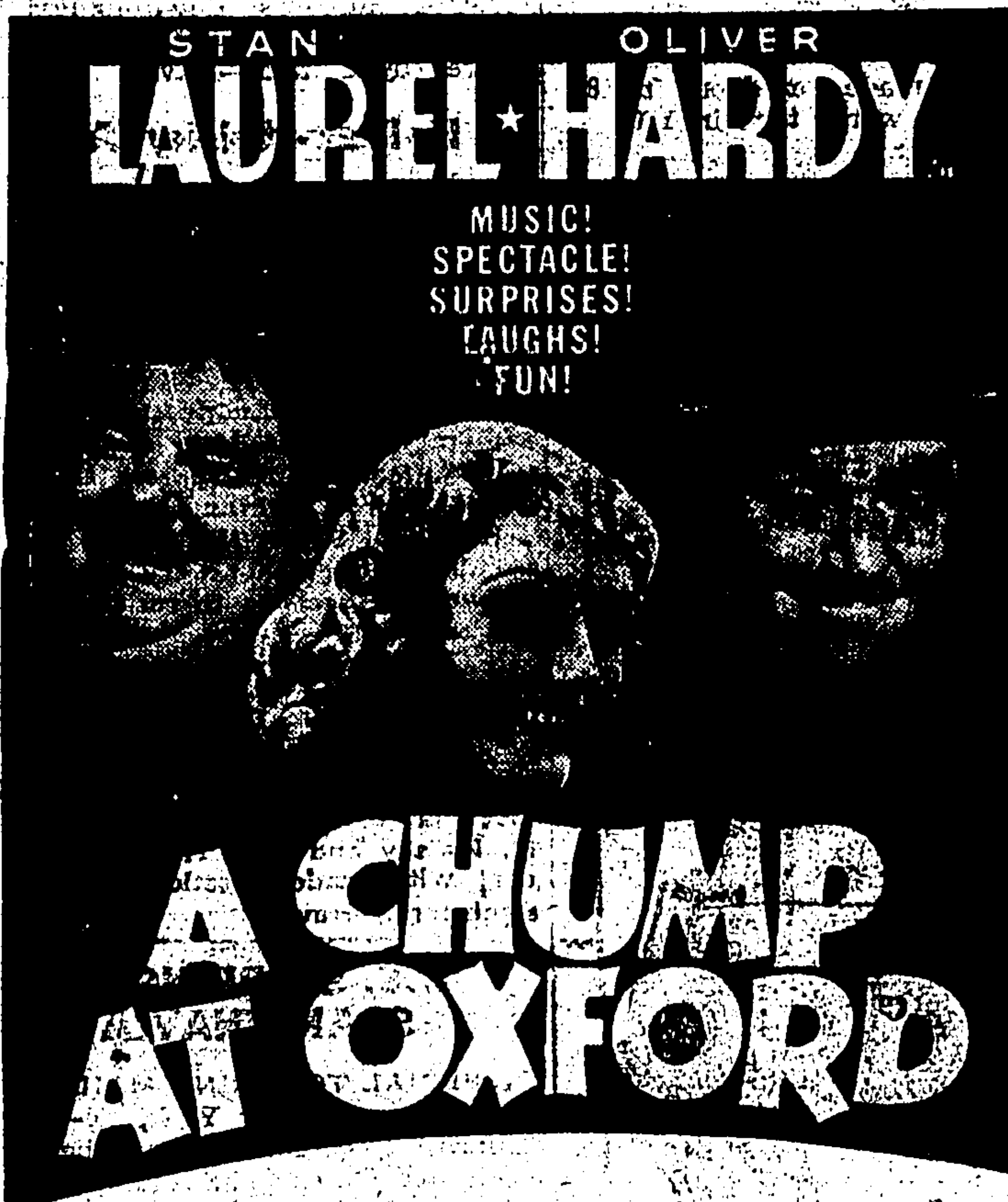
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# ANGLO-SOVIET TALKS

*Maisky's Initiatives In London Significant*

## Nazi Push In Scandinavia Upsets Moscow

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE is attributed to the talk between M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, since further indications lead to the belief that M. Maisky tried to give Britain a more definite impression of "Soviet neutrality."

The German push in Scandinavia has highly displeased Russia, since a German victory in northern Europe would mean a threat to Soviet communications towards the Atlantic and North Sea.

### TETRAZZINI ILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Milan, To-day.

Luisa Tetrazzini, the world-famous opera singer, is reported to be critically ill.

She is suffering from a stroke. Tetrazzini made her debut in 1895 and her first world tour in 1905. —Reuter.

Hence the Soviet approval of the Swedish refusal to allow the passage of German troops and war material to Norway.

Despite Soviet opposition to German expansion in Scandinavia, the conclusion of an Anglo-Soviet trade agreement immediately is improbable, in view of Moscow's unwillingness to curtail her trade with Germany, as desired by Britain.—Havas.

### Halifax-Maisky Talk

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is understood that Russia's disapproval of any Nazi aggression against Sweden was expressed by M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, during his talk with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

M. Maisky is reported to have told Lord Halifax that Madame Kollental, Soviet Minister in Stockholm, had given every support of Sweden's decision to resist German pressure.

M. Maisky is also reported to have stated that German expansion in Scandinavia would be contrary to the Soviet's interests.

The report is not confirmed but the fact that official quarters admit that M. Maisky and Lord Halifax did not deal with trade questions is highly significant.—Havas.

### U.S. SHIPPING TO SCANDINAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Maritime communications between the United States and Scandinavia will be partially restored next month, when the Thorden Line will start a service between the U.S.A. and Petsamo.

Other companies will follow the lead as soon as the present position of Scandinavian ships is cleared up.—Havas.

### EDUCATIONAL EFFORT IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

According to recent information the number of students in Chinese universities, colleges and technical schools has increased by 8,000 during the past three years.

About 35,000 were enrolled in 1936, the last normal year, dropping to 25,000 in 1937. By the end of March, 1940, the figure had increased to 4,000.—Havas.

### SPAIN'S NEUTRALITY

London, To-day.

"The British Government is convinced that Spain is determined to maintain her neutrality and the neutrality of her possessions," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to the debate in the Commons yesterday on the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement.—Reuter.

### BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

## EUROPEANS MISREAD THE RULES

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, several Europeans were fined for breach of Black-Out regulations.

Miss R. Vickers, of No. 355, The Peak, who was summoned for driving a car with lights on in Garden Road, said the street lights were on when she was stopped.

Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke said the incident occurred at about 7.59 p.m. on April 11. A spot light was on which was not covered, the side and head lights were covered, but the head lights should never have been used at all.

A fine of \$10 was imposed. Dr. H. Talbot of No. 16, MacDonnell Road, was fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Mr. C. L. Salter of No. 125, Robinson Road, was fined \$10.

Sergeant Sullivan said defendant was driving a car in Caine Road at about 7.35 p.m. with head lights on covered with white handkerchiefs.

Mr. H. G. Muir of the Imperial Chemical Industries, was fined \$20. The lights on his car were not covered at all.

Defendant said that many houses had their lights on when he was stopped.

Capt. F. B. Minhinick, of No. 2, Garden Terrace, was summoned for failing to notify his change of address, and breach of the Black Out regulations.

Inspector Clarke stopped defendant in Garden Road. The lights in the car were not in use but were not covered. His licence gave his address as Gloucester Hotel, but defendant had moved to No. 2, Garden Terrace on August 16 last year.

Defendant pleaded guilty through a representative, and was fined \$10 and \$5.

Mr. F. R. Marcal of No. 14, Fort Street, ground floor, was fined \$10. The lights of his car were covered with white paper.

Defendant said he had permission to use the paper at Central Police Station.

## THREE DIE IN I.C.I. EXPLOSION

London, To-day.

Three men were killed, 19 injured and many others slightly hurt as the result of an explosion in the Imperial Chemical Works at Billingham-on-Tees, Durham, yesterday.

An official statement by the firm says the damage to buildings and machinery was slight and serious interference with production was not expected.—Reuter.

## DECREES OF D.E.I. GOVERNOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is reported from Batavia that the Governor announced in the Volksraad that foreigners in the Netherlands East Indies are being more closely watched.

The N.E.I. Government is also investigating the question of aliens or naturalised Dutch holding positions in the Administration.

The editor of the Nazi paper "Helight" had received a severe warning from the authorities.

The Governor added that all precautions had been taken to face an external or internal threat.—Havas.

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# Sir Walter Monckton Goes Back To M.I.

London, To-day.

**MR. CHAMBERLAIN** announced in the Commons yesterday that Sir Walter Monckton had been appointed Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

He will also be an additional Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The changes take effect immediately.

Mr. Chamberlain said that in the light of experience it had been decided that the Ministry of Information should resume the functions at present performed by the Press and Censorship Bureau.

In order to strengthen the liaison between Service departments and the Ministry, and to ensure that the Ministry's point of view is adequately presented, the number of senior Service officers attached to the Ministry is being increased and representatives of the Ministry are being attached to

Service departments.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that Sir Walter Monckton's appointment as Deputy Under-Foreign Secretary was in order to provide the necessary collaboration between the foreign division of the Ministry, which was responsible for publicity in neutral countries, and the department of enemy propaganda under the Foreign Office.

The department of postal and telegraphic censorship, formerly under the War Office, was being transferred

## INCH AND HALF OF RAIN LAST NIGHT

Over an inch and a half of rain were registered during the night at the Royal Observatory.

The total was 1.535 inches.

The heaviest downpour occurred between 11 p.m. and midnight when 0.570 of an inch was registered.

forthwith to the Ministry of Information.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE MATTERS

Mr. Chamberlain explained that each Department remained responsible for the issue of its own news and subject to the advice of the Ministry on general censorship policy. The Defence Departments would be responsible for censorship decisions in all matters where it was necessary to prevent information reaching the enemy.—British Wireless.

# YUGOSLAVIA CALLS MEN TO COLOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Belgrade correspondent of the "Star" reports that a secret, partial mobilisation of the Yugo-Slavian Army is being carried out.

Three Divisions are said to have been sent to southern Serbia and Montenegro to counter a possible drive from Italy through Albania.

Plans have also been completed for the evacuation of the civilian population of Belgrade and the U.S. Consulate is said to have warned American nationals to be ready to leave.—Havas.

## WANCHAI TRAGEDY

A 13-year-old boy, Ho Chan-lam, was fatally injured in Wanchai yesterday. The lad died shortly after admission to the Tung Wah Hospital.

A man who is alleged to have assaulted him has been detained by the Police.



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# SWEDEN'S DESTINY

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## INTENSE NAZI ACTIVITY ON BORNHOLM

**AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.**  
SWEDEN IS A PROMINENT SUBJECT IN THE WAR COUNCILS WHICH ARE HELD DAILY IN HITLER'S CHANCELLERY IN BERLIN, REUTER LEARNS, BUT IN THE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED NAZI PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SWEDISH PRESS AND RADIO THERE IS NO INDICATION YET OF THE LINES ALONG WHICH EVENTS WILL DEVELOP.

In reply to her protest of Tuesday, Sweden was yesterday politely but vaguely told that German planes had "not violated her neutrality on purpose."

Neutral circles observe that the question will be quietly shelved and thus no explanation will be offered, even for the landing of two Nazi planes on the fortified island of Gotland, Stockholm's first line of defence from the sea, hundreds of miles from German or Norwegian territory.

Meanwhile it is rumoured that the Danish island of Bornholm, from which Nazi planes could reach the Swedish naval base of Karlskrona in little more than 10 minutes flying time, is a hive of military and aerial activity.—Reuter.

### If The Test Comes

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.  
In spite of the large-scale military measures in the German Baltic ports in the past few days, which have not been reassuring to Sweden, the country is remaining calm.

If the test comes, Sweden will respond vigorously and effectively.

The Swedish Liberal, Conservative and Socialist parties have agreed on united action and any "Quislings" will

have their work cut out to get anywhere at all.—Havas.

### Official Protest

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.  
The Swedish Minister in Berlin, Arvid Richert, called at the German Foreign Ministry yesterday to discuss the question of repeated violations of Swedish territory by German planes.

Nazi political quarters minimise the importance of the violations.—Havas.

### German Ships Ordered From Stromstad

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.  
The official Swedish news agency says that coastguards yesterday ordered five German ships anchored off Stromstad, near the Norwegian border, to leave Swedish territorial waters.

The ships were former Norwegian whalers which the Nazis had turned into minesweepers.—Havas.

## PREMIER AND D.E.I.

London, To-day.  
Asked in the Commons yesterday if he would give an assurance that in the event of further aggression against neutral European states, the overseas possessions of such States would not be permitted to be used as base of enemy action, Mr. Chamberlain said "In the hypothetical circumstances referred to, such action would be taken as the interests of Allied security required."—Reuter.

## TRANSFER OF WAR TO SWEDEN

Goteborg, To-day.

The "Morgenpost" says the arrival of the English has greatly strengthened the morale of Norway and if the Norwegians can resist for a short time, increasing English forces could destroy the isolated Germans in the north.

No doubt English planes, like German, will fly over Sweden, the paper says.

The belief that the English will stop at Norway's frontiers when they could, over Sweden, get a stranglehold on the Nazi enemy, is only entertained by those ignorant of why the war was brought to Norway.

We have been cut off by the German occupation of Norway and Denmark. If the English win in Norway the barrier falls, but we must be prepared for the transfer of the war to Sweden.—Reuter.

## HITLER'S CHICANERY EXPOSED

New York, To-day.

The "Minneapolis Journal" says that after the Great War, Norway, Sweden and Denmark came to the rescue by taking thousands of German children in their homes, feeding them bountifully and lodging them.

Some months before war broke out in 1939, the Hitler Government sponsored large-scale parties of young men who had spent part of their childhood in 1919 and 1920 in the Scandinavian countries on visits to their former hosts to renew the ties with them and also to brush up on the language.

The diabolical plot was not suspected by the trusting Scandinavians.—Reuter.

## NAVAL OFFICERS DECORATED

London, To-day.

A number of awards for gallantry at sea were announced in the "London Gazette" last night.

They include the D.S.O. for Lt-Comm. Hugh Percival Price and the D.S.C. for Sub-Lt. Edward Perry Rea, both of H.M.S. Gleaner, for destroying an enemy submarine.

The O.B.E. is conferred on Lt-Comm. Michael Southcote Townsend and the M.B.E. on Acting Sub-Lt. Vernon John St. Clair-Ford, both of H.M.S. Viscount, for saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the enemy bombing of the B.I. steamer Domala in the English Channel.

The D.S.O. is awarded to Lt-Comm. Roy Berryman Edwards, of H.M.S. Watchful, for courage and skill in securing and stripping live enemy lines regardless of his own safety.—Reuter.

## NORWAY'S SIXTH DIVISION MOBILISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned from Tromsø that the military authorities have managed to mobilise the whole Norwegian 6th Division which is now operating in the north.

The morale of the Norwegian troops is excellent and they are co-operating fully with the Allies.

The civil administration at Tromsø and Summark is functioning normally, and the population is confident regarding the final issue of the war.—Havas.



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# EXTENSIVE R.A.F. RAIDS

## Sylt, Aalborg and Norwegian Bases Bombed

### Enemy Ships Attacked in Oslo Fjord

London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED THAT the Westerland aerodrome on the island of Sylt was subjected to almost continuous bombing for 100 minutes during Tuesday night's raid by the R.A.F. This was the first raid on this aerodrome, though other points on Sylt had previously been bombed.

During the raid on Stavanger aerodrome, shortly before dawn, about 20 enemy aircraft were heavily bombed and a number are believed to have been destroyed or badly damaged.

High explosive bombs played havoc with the already crater-pitted aerodrome surface and one raider, making a dive-bombing attack at a low level, released a heavy salvo which was seen to burst near the side of the main runway.

A strongly burning fire was reported by one of our returning raiders. At Christiansand the raiders concentrated on runways and the aerodrome buildings. They evaded the barrage put up by the ground defences and registered many hits.

#### Two Planes Lost

Of the large force of aircraft employed on the night's widespread operations, two failed to return.

One aircraft detailed to attack Fornebu aerodrome, near Oslo, did not reach its objective as it sighted two enemy ships steaming north near the head of Oslo Fjord.

The R.A.F. plane dropped two salvos of bombs which burst close to the leading vessel and then descended to within 150 feet of the water and machinegunned the leading ship as it made for the shore. The fourth successive attack on Aalborg, in Denmark, was made in perfect weather, there being a cloudless sky and a full moon.

#### Aalborg Strengthened

For the first time no enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome but the powerful ground defences were alert and the raiders were met by a barrage of fire over the target area and by the persistent attentions of a ring of searchlights outside the aerodrome. High-level bombing attacks were made and many hits were observed on the aerodrome.

#### Large Force

The raid on Westerland (Sylt) was carried out by a large force of long-range bombers. One hangar was hit several times and another believed to have been badly damaged.

The runways were successfully bombed and fires started on the aerodrome.

The first bomber met only moderate fire but as the attack developed, pom-poms placed round the aerodrome maintained a steady barrage of fire. —Reuter.

#### German Patrol Vessels Bombed and Sunk

Aircraft carrying out offensive patrols off the Frisian Islands attacked and sank two auxiliary patrol vessels.

The raid on Westerland, which is a convenient base for attacks on shipping along the coast of Norway and against the Allied troops' lines of com-

munication, was carried out by a large force.

One hangar was hit several times and another is believed to have been badly damaged by bombs which fell between it and the runway. Fires were started on various parts of the aerodrome.

At the time of the attack, night operations were evidently being carried out by the enemy for one pilot reported lights on hangars and round the boundary of the aerodrome. These were extinguished as he neared the objective.

While these raids were in progress, other aircraft of the Bomber Command were carrying out the customary security patrol over the bases of the German minelaying aircraft.

#### "SHIP DISAPPEARED"

One of these aircraft, patrolling off the island of Sylt was fired on by two naval auxiliaries.

Selecting its target and diving from 4,000 to 1,500 feet in the face of intense A. A. fire, the British aircraft bombed one of the ships. The A.A. fire ceased abruptly and in the words of the pilot's own report: "The ship disappeared." Another aircraft, patrolling a nearby area, soon after midnight came under fire from two large motor boats. The aircraft at once made a low level bombing attack dropping six bombs in quick succession and on turning back to observe the results the pilot could see only one boat on the water. This aircraft was also able to observe the attack on Westerland from a distance and reported seeing a large explosion on the west side of the aerodrome.

### STRAIN ON GERMAN RAILWAYS

London, To-day.

The Berlin radio announces that pleasure trips must be completely stopped and journeys to watering places and spas are only permissible in cases of extreme urgency, owing to the "tremendous task of the German railways." —Reuter.

### SHANGHAI IMPORTS INCREASE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

CHINESE IMPORTS IN MARCH INCREASED CONSIDERABLY REACHING 57,000,000 GOLD UNITS AGAINST 44,000,000 DURING FEBRUARY. SHANGHAI ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 7,000,000 OUT OF THIS INCREASE.

A strong import increase during March was experienced in cereals imports of which soared by more than 4,000,000 gold units to 12,500,000, constituting 22 per cent of the total Chinese imports.

Another big import increase is raw cotton whose value rose by more than 1,000,000 to 8,000,000. March exports amounted to 126,000,000 representing an increase of 16,000,000. Tea represented the most sensational increase with no less than 11,000,000 gold units. —Havas.

### ANZAC DAY

The 25th anniversary of Anzac Day, commemorating the Gallipoli landing, was marked in Hong Kong by a ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning which was given enhanced colour by the presence in the Colony of contingents of the Royal Australian Navy.

An impressive parade in Statue Square preceded the wreath-laying ceremonies, which were witnessed by a large attendance.

Many men who took part in the Landing, some of them members of the Services, others in civilian life in the Colony, were present.

### AMERICAN LEGATION'S ADVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The official Hungarian news agency explains reports in the foreign press that the U.S. Legation had advised Americans to leave Hungary.

"Some comments presented the measure as proof that the situation in Hungary was extremely serious. It has been ascertained, however, that the Legation merely sent circular letters to American citizens, as in previous years.

"The Legation had no other object in view, in present circumstances, to induce Americans to leave unless they have serious reasons for remaining.

"From the despatch of these periodical circular letters it would be a mistake to draw inexact conclusions that the situation in Hungary, where calm prevails, is serious." —Havas.

### DUTCH ARMY ORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The commander-in-chief of the Dutch army has issued a press Ordinance forbidding the publication of any printed matter dealing with national defence without a special permit.

Any articles likely to demoralise the population or harmful to the security of the state, or spreading propaganda for any of the belligerents, are also prohibited. —Havas.

### 'CAT' BURGLAR CAUGHT BY DETECTIVE

Mrs. Cairns, of No. 10, Carnarvon Road, this morning appeared, as complainant, in Mr. E. Himsforth's court when Chan Wong, 21, was charged with stealing clothing from Mrs. Cairn's house.

A Chinese detective saw accused, with two others not arrested, climbing down a drain pipe yesterday afternoon with a parcel. They were chased and he was arrested.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

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### WHAT THIS WAR IS ABOUT

## MR. GREENWOOD ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

London, To-day.

"NO MINISTER IS GOING to close my mouth. That is what this war is about," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, at a luncheon speech yesterday. He emphasised the need for freedom of expression.

Stressing that the Labour Party stood 100 per cent. behind any effort necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Greenwood said that Hitler made his first capital blunder when he decided on the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

That blunder proved that "Corporal Hitler" could never have been a sailor, he said, and continued:—

"I should like to be able to read Admiral Raeder's diary to see what he thinks of his beloved leader. I should not think the diary would be very flattering!"

Discussing the neutrals, Mr. Greenwood said that even the United States was having to pay a heavy bill for armaments, not because she herself was threatened but because no one knew how far this war would extend.

He would not plead with neutrals to join the Allies, as the powers already on their side were amply sufficient.—Reuter.

### HORRIBLE MENACE

The democratic system is part of our fibre and we shall never allow its foundations to be threatened, said Mr. Greenwood. Whatever may befall there will be no wavering on our part until this horrible menace of freedom is completely destroyed."

Mr. Greenwood observed that he drew no distinction between Dictators. "Whether it's Berlin or Moscow makes no difference to me."

Turning to recent events, he declared that Hitler had embarked on a foolish shortsighted adventure which is bringing visibly nearer to its end—though the struggle is going to be long one—a war which might have been stalemated for a very long time.

### THE NEUTRALS

Referring to the neutrals, he said:—"They must know now that there is no small neutral nation in Europe whose future is certain. I know that at heart they are with us. Before this struggle is over, many of them will be with us in the fight."—British Wire-less.

## SHORTAGES IN OSLO

London, To-day.

The Oslo radio, which is German controlled, says there is a shortage of potatoes and eggs in German occupied areas while cabbage and fodder are very scarce.

Oslo is suffering from a serious shortage of wood which is the chief material used for heating.

The announcer appealed to farmers to bring more supplies to the towns.—Reuter.

## JARDINE FLEET REQUISITIONED

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's ships, the laid-up Yangtze River Fleet excepted, are to be taken on to Liner Requisition by the Ministry of Shipping from May 1.

The Company says it understands that the Ministry of Shipping will decide rates of charter hire later, but it has at present no more information than this.

## NAZIS CLAIM CANADIAN PRISONERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
BERLIN, TO-DAY.

SEVERAL JUNKERS AEROPLANES CARRYING CANADIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM NORWAY HAVE LANDED IN GERMANY, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO AN INTERNMENT CAMP.

Announcing the capture of 20 machine-guns, 6 artillery pieces and a thousand million rounds of rifle ammunition, German circles claim that the Allied troops suffered a severe setback at Lillehammer on Tuesday.

Berlin expects the British to attempt a large-scale landing at Narvik at any moment, stating that a concentration of British naval units and troop transports has been spotted off that northern port.—Havas.

## IN FRANCE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO PATROL ENCOUNTERS EAST OF THE MOSELLE TURNED TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

During the night of Monday/Tuesday our aircraft made many long-distance reconnaissance flights, penetrating many hundreds of kilometres over enemy territory.

They flew over the Prague region. An enemy reconnaissance plane was brought down within our territory on Tuesday evening.—Reuter.

## U. S. MANOEUVRES TO BE HELD IN SECRET

Washington, To-day.

The War Department has decided that no foreign attaches will be invited to attend the manoeuvres, in which some 70,000 troops will participate, in Louisiana and Texas in May, when troops in "streamlined" divisions will be operating for the first time in peace as a field army.

The exclusion of foreign attaches is explained in authorised quarters as due to the fact that available facilities will be too crowded for them to be looked after properly.—Reuter.

## NORWEGIANS GETTING A. A. GUNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Norwegian anti-aircraft batteries, thanks to reinforcements of British materials, are getting stronger each day, and have accounted for at least 20 German planes so far, reports reaching here state.—Havas.

## DUTCH ARMY LEAVE RESUMED

The Hague, To-day.

Dutch army leave, on a more restricted scale than previously, will be resumed after Saturday.—Reuter.



# Desperate Nazi Bid To Relieve Trondheim

## STRIKING NORTH FROM ELVERUM

London, To-day.

**NEWS OF THE FIGHTING** north of Trondheim gives the clearest indication of events in the Norwegian regions. Operations in this sector seem to be to and fro along the road and railway from Namsos, where Allied troops have landed, to Trondheim.

Yesterday, the Nazis claimed to have captured Steinkjaer, but the Allies have once or twice been reported below this town and frontier reports say that fighting for the control of the road is still in progress.

A War Office communique says that in the Trondheim area the counter-attack referred to in Tuesday's communique was delivered by a considerable number of German troops landed from ships within Trondheim Fjord.

After some sharp fighting, our troops succeeded in re-establishing the situation.

There is nothing further to report about operations elsewhere.

The Germans are trying to strike north through two valleys running parallel from the Oslo plains. A third valley, the Gudbrandsdal, seems to be completely in Allied hands to within a few miles of Hamar.

Here, the Allies are reported to be sending a steady stream of reinforcements to the advance guards who came to the assistance of the Norwegians at Lillehammer.

### Some Progress

Further west, in the only valley left to German troops trying to reach the beleaguered garrison at Trondheim, the Nazis seem to be making some progress.

A railway follows the valley, through Rena, Koppang, Atna, Alvdal, Tinset, Roros, Støren to Trondheim. The Germans are reported to have

reached Koppang.

The Norwegians are resisting stoutly and the Germans must expect to meet Allied troops moving across country to attack them.

They may still find themselves cut off from Trondheim by Allied troops advancing from Støren, immediately south of the besieged port.—Reuter.

### Allies Continue To Land Troops

Nordli, To-day.

The strength of the Allied forces in the Trondheim region is increasing daily as troops are landed at Namsos and Andalsnes.

German air activity continues with intensity but it is known the Nazis have lost many planes.

British anti-aircraft defences, which are being gradually reinforced, have taken toll of some, while others have been forced down by the severe weather.

News that the Allies now control the railway south of Trondheim to Lillehammer is of the highest strategic importance since it cuts off one route by which the Germans at Trondheim might have been reinforced.

While the troops at Trondheim may hold out for some time, their ultimate

## ALLIED GUARANTEE IN BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The eighth Allied Supreme War Council decision, that foreign aggression against any Balkan state will result in immediate Allied intervention, assumes particular importance because it is now clear that the Allies will intervene in case of attacks directed against countries which were not guaranteed by them.—Havas.

## SHOOTING OF CIVILIANS IN NORWAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS** YESTERDAY REGARDING REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE SHOOTING CIVILIANS IN NORWAY, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. R. A. BUTLER, REPLIED IT APPEARED FROM OFFICIAL GERMAN BROADCASTS ON APRIL 12 AND 19 THAT THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND IN OSLO HAD DECLARED ANY PERSONS FOUND FIGHTING THE GERMAN FORCES WOULD BE TREATED AS FRANC-TIREURS AND SHOT.

Some persons, he added, had already been shot on this ground.

The Germans had also declared that every civilian carrying arms or committing acts of sabotage would be shot on the spot.

They had, in addition, admitted having forced Norwegian civilians to drive German soldiers into the firing-line in commandeered cars.

Comment on such methods of war was superfluous but he was glad of the opportunity of making the facts known.—Reuter.

position is regarded as hopeless if they have to rely entirely on aerial aid from the south.—Reuter.

### Nazis 50 Miles North Of Elverum?

Stockholm, To-day.

Latest newspaper reports state that the German centre north of Oslo has reached the neighbourhood of Koppang, 50 miles north of Elverum.

The Allies are rushing troops to meet this advance.—Reuter.

### Advance Checked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Both Norwegian and Allied sources claim that the Nazi advance north from Oslo has been checked.—Havas.

### Defence of a Ridge

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Trysil, north-east of Oslo, says the Norwegians are holding a ridge near the Swedish frontier.

Their resistance surprised the Germans who expected slight resistance only, but one energetic volunteer officer inspired the men.

The correspondent says 200 Germans have been killed in this sector since Tuesday.—Reuter.

## ITALY'S NEW TONE

Brussels, To-day.

The "Gazette de Charleroi" remarks on the change in the tone of the Italian press, and says this return to a more healthy conception of Scandinavian events can be attributed in part to the real and effective Allied reply.

The hour will soon strike when Italy must make her choice.—Reuter.

## 37 SHIPS DETAINED BY BRITAIN

London, To-day.

On Tuesday, 92 ships were in British contraband control bases in the United Kingdom. Of these, 37 ships were brought in or detained by order of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark.

This total includes 9 Danish ships.—Reuter.

### OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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### NEW LINE OF NAZI ATTACK



The Germans in Norway are now attacking along the railway from Oslo to Trondheim running through Elverum, Roros, and Støren. The effect of the manoeuvre, if successful, would be to give the Germans command of the Norwegian-Sweden frontier zone between Oslo and Trondheim (shown on the map as Nidaros). They are reported to be 50 miles north of Elverum.

### CHINESE INTERNEE'S ESCAPE BID

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATING THE BARBED WIRE FENCE AROUND THE CHINESE INTERNMENT CAMP IN ARGYLE STREET, AN INTERNEE, LEUNG TING-SANG, 38, WAS RE-ARRESTED AFTER A SHORT CHASE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

He was caught by Mr. J. James, of the Public Works Department.

The man was seen climbing the fence by one of the Indian guards, who fired two shots but failed to hit him.

Attracted by the rifle fire Mr. James, who was passing, saw the soldier over the fence, chased and captured him. This is the first attempt to escape since the Medical Department took over the Camp.

Charged with attempting escape, he was remanded by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

### RUMANIAN AGREEMENT WITH NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Germany and Rumania have signed an additional protocol supplementing the existing trade agreement.

The protocol provides for the maintenance of the existing rate of exchange between the lei and mark;

Increased Rumanian purchases of German coal, while Rumania will deliver to Germany flocks hitherto undelivered;

Various measures intended to secure the normal development of German-Rumanian trade.

Rumanian oil exports to Germany remain the same as fixed by the agreement of December 21 last year.

The Germans have failed to obtain deliveries of Rumanian wool.—Havas.

### Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



## ANNUAL MEETING OF M.C.L.

THE INABILITY OF TWO LEADING SUPPORTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR USUAL CONTRIBUTION RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE ALLOCATION TO CHARITIES, MRS. D. L. NEWBIGGING, PRESIDENT, SAID AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG MINISTERING LEAGUE AND THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE, AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE TO-DAY.

Presenting the report and accounts, the president said:—

Our two permanent yearly commitments—£60 to the Meath Home, Ottershaw, Surrey, for the maintenance of two children, and \$1,000 to the Nethersole Hospital for the upkeep of a Cot in the children's ward—have been met as usual, but I regret we were compelled to reduce our contributions to the other charities dependent on us for assistance.

I can assure you that this is in no way due to the decreased activity on the part of the various branches of the M.C.L. Each has taken an energetic and successful part in raising funds by obtaining subscriptions, organising bridge drives and sales of work and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the branch secretaries for the splendid work they have done during the year.

I cannot close this report without referring to the excellent work done by our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Womack, who at all times, no matter how inconvenient has been most efficient and helpful.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Kelvin-Stark who came to our rescue when Mrs. Nicol had to resign from the post of Hon. Treasurer last year—also to Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews for again auditing our accounts and to the Press for their help on all occasions.

The following committee was re-elected en bloc: President, Mrs. D. L. Newbigging; Vice-president, Mrs. H. R. Butters; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. Nicol; Gen. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Womack.

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Taiipo Rural Home (Girls)			\$ 350.00
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Cheero Club			\$ 100.00
St. Louis Industrial School (West Point)			\$ 150.00

## REICH COMMISSAR FOR NORWAY!

Berlin, To-day.

It is announced that Hitler has appointed Terboven, hitherto Gauleiter of Essen and President of the Rhine Province, as Reich Commissar for the occupied districts in Norway.

He will be directly subordinate to Hitler.—Reuter.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Lam Lap, 26, for snatching a handbag from Mrs. W. Vuagnians, of No. 1, Gap Road, yesterday.

## STEINKJER IN GERMAN HANDS

Stockholm, To-day.

According to reports received here yesterday afternoon, Steinkjer is now in German hands but the Allies hold strong positions six miles north of the town against which a German offensive is expected.

German planes and German destroyers in Trondheim Fjord made important contributions to the fighting round Steinkjer.

All railway stations north of Steinkjer were repeatedly attacked from the air but bridges and tracks are intact as they are situated among steep precipices, making them difficult targets for the German airmen.

The civilian population of Steinkjer has fled to the mountains where they are reported to be suffering from insufficient clothing and food.

### STOREN CONTROL

The important railway junction of Storen, south of Trondheim, is controlled by the Allies, and both railways south from Trondheim to Oslo, as well as the line from Fagernes to Oslo, are now in Allied hands.

German airmen are continually bombing Osterdal and Gudbrandsdal. Dombaas is reported to be ablaze and parachute troops have been observed north-east of the town.—Reuter.

## KAIFENG FIGHTING

Loyang, To-day.

Two-thirds of Kaifeng are now in the hands of the Chinese who smashed into the provincial capital on Tuesday morning, according to latest military despatches.

The Chinese forces are continuing the attack in the remainder of the city. Fires started in the Japanese barracks and supply depots are still raging and the Japanese have sustained heavy material losses.

Fighting is also reported at Sintang, south of Kaifeng, where the Chinese launched a simultaneous attack. Two Japanese tanks were destroyed. Japanese reinforcements rushing to Kaifeng from Kweitch in east Honan, and Sinsiang, on the north bank of the Yellow River, have been intercepted.—Central News.

## COUNTING HIS EGGS TOO SOON

"You cannot employ a watchman to watch a watchman," said Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when Sam Tin, 55, was charged with stealing 45 eggs from the Canadian Cafe.

Det. Sergt. Cullinan said defendant was employed as a watchman by the Canadian Cafe. At 5.30 a.m. yesterday, he was seen by a Chinese detective counting the eggs. He admitted theft when questioned.

He was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$20 to be of good behaviour for one year.

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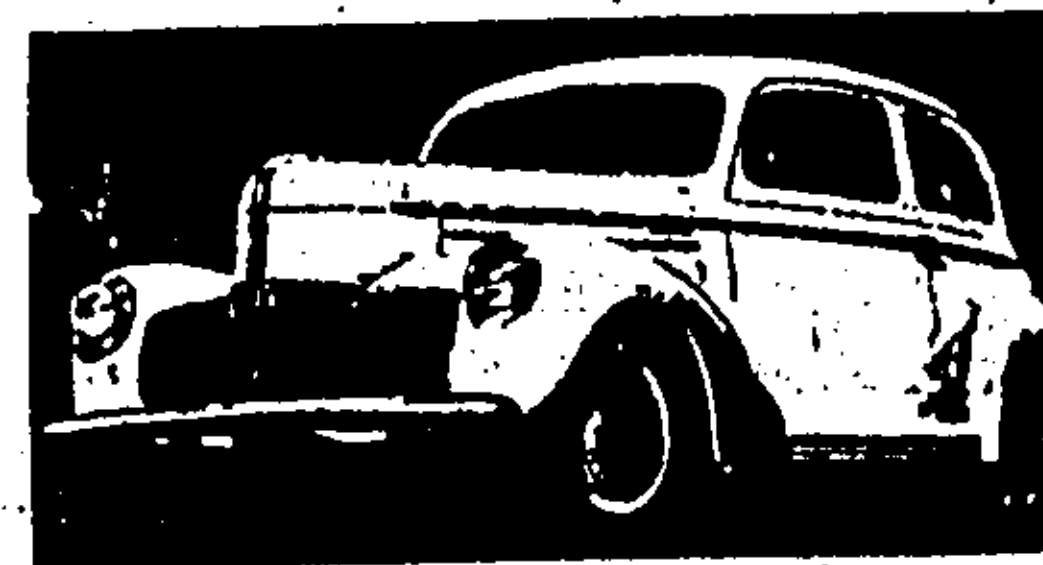
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## COASTAL COMMAND'S 8,000,000 MILES SINCE SEPTEMBER

London, To-day.

SINCE THE INVASION OF NORWAY, the Coastal Command has flown over 30,000 miles over Norway on reconnaissance, taking photographs and surveying fjords and enemy positions.

Now that at last the German Navy has put to sea, the Coastal Command has been doing excellent naval co-operation working, spotting and accurately reporting a variety of craft from minesweepers to pocket-battleships.

These successes have tended to overshadow the achievements of the Coastal Command 'planes during the early months, but the figures speak for themselves.

Since the war began, the Coastal Command 'planes have flown some 8,000,000 miles on patrol. Even in the worst weather of the winter months, the 'planes did not fly less than 250,000 miles each week. Most of the Coastal Command pilots have flown the equivalent of at least once round the world since the war began.

Each week, 4,000 ships are guarded by the 'planes of the Coastal Command, and to date no British or naval ship has been lost while under air convoy. No less than 600 tours of the fishing fleets were made to protect them against enemy 'planes and U-boats.

Over 20,000 photographs and reports of ships believed to be Germans masquerading as neutrals have been made, 80 attacks have been made against U-boats and literally hundreds of mines have been located and destroyed.

The record, incidentally, is getting better every day!—*Reuter*.

## 2,000,000 IN EMPIRE IN ARMY

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that the British Empire now has 2,000,000 men under arms, exclusive of the Royal Navy, Marines, Mercantile Marine, R.A.F., police, civil defence services, all civil transport personnel, workers in war industries and all other public services.

The armies in France and the Middle East are being steadily augmented. The average age of the British soldier is now 26.

A large number of volunteers from the older age groups are still being accepted for the army, and for every three men so far called up two such volunteers have been enlisted.—*Reuter*.

## DANES ANXIOUS TO AID ALLIES

London, To-day.

Danes in Great Britain will not be treated as enemy aliens.

This announcement by the Home Office received a warm welcome in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Many Danes in Britain are anxious to help the Allies in the struggle against the aggressive tyranny of which Denmark is the latest victim.

Every precaution will be taken against anyone, Dane or otherwise, suspected of Nazi sympathies.—*Reuter*.

## CHINA'S CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP

LONDON, TO-DAY:

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FAR EAST INEVITABLY FALLS TO CHINA BY REASON OF HER VAST AREA AND POPULATION AND EVEN MORE BY HER CULTURE AND NATIONAL GENIUS FOR DEVELOPMENT, DECLARED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, MR. QUO TAI-CHI, SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

"I can entertain no facile optimism as regards the redemption of the Japanese people within a practicable measure of time from the domination of the military caste and their programme of hegemony in East Asia and mastery over the Western Pacific areas."

Mr. Quo added China had an important part to play in Anglo-American relations because the strategic and commercial interests of Britain and the United States were parallel in the Far East.—*Reuter*.

## INDUSTRIALS HESITANT ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities and Kaffirs were strong on the Stock Exchange yesterday owing to the market's view that they stand to benefit from the Budget. Industrials were hesitant owing to difficulties in readjusting values following the limitation of dividends, together with the prohibition of scrip bond issues during wartime. Peninsula and Oriental are maintaining an interim dividend of 2 per cent. on deferred stock.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.—*Reuter*.

## SELENGA SEIZURE ACHIEVES PURPOSE

London, To-day.

Detention of the Soviet ships Selenga and Vladimir Mayakowsky, first in Hong Kong and then in Saigon, is stated in London to have produced the result desired.

Since the detention no further Soviet ships have sailed from the United States with cargoes likely to constitute contraband.—*Reuter*.

## PICTURES OF WORK OF THE NAVY

London, To-day.

We are to have more photographs showing the work of the Royal Navy! It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that arrangements have been made for a number of newsreel cameramen to be attached to units of the Fleet. Already, a number of naval photographs have been taken by some of the seamen and some of these have recently appeared in the press.—*Reuter*.

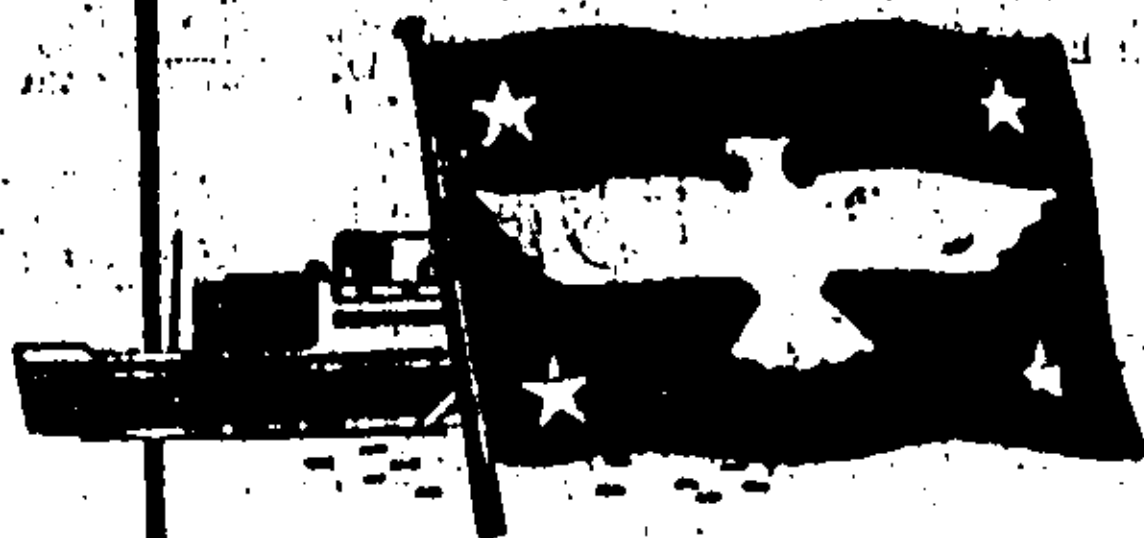
## TRIAL OF UDHAM SINGH POSTPONED

London, To-day.

The trial of Udham Singh, in connection with the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer last month, was postponed at Old Bailey yesterday until the next session.—*Reuter*.



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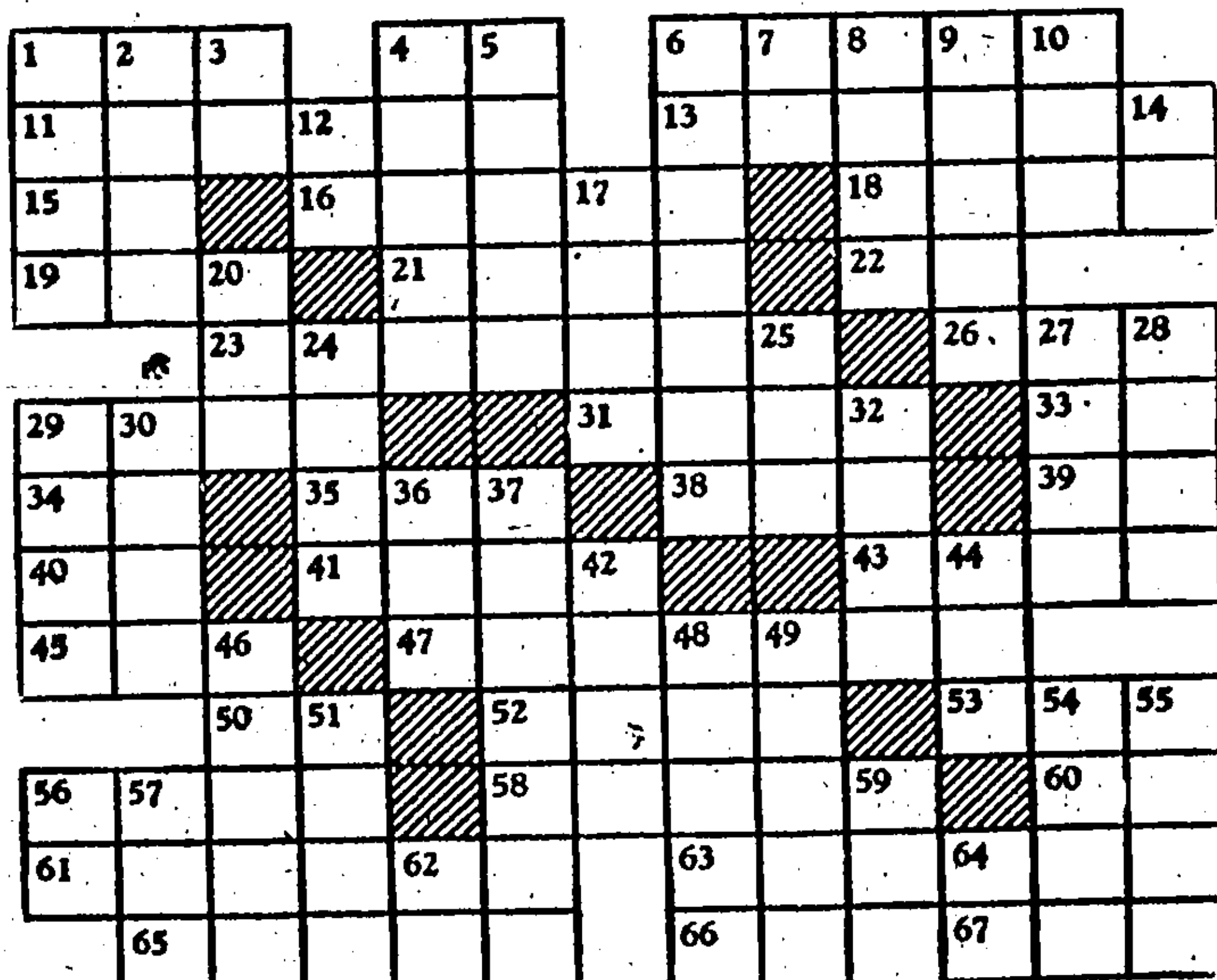
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#### HORIZONTAL

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- 4 Siberian river
- 6 Flatboat
- 11 Next to
- 13 To appear
- 15 Printer's measure
- 16 Gannet
- 18 Indigent
- 19 Label
- 21 Roster
- 22 Extremely
- 23 Replies
- 26 Tangle
- 29 Facts
- 31 Well-kept
- 33 Prize-fight
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Dance step
- 38 Furtive
- 39 Butterfly
- 40 Italian river
- 41 Tastes
- 43 To implant
- 45 Melancholy
- 47 Fell in drops
- 50 Whether
- 52 Roman highway
- 53 To obstruct
- 56 Greek letter
- 58 Male voice

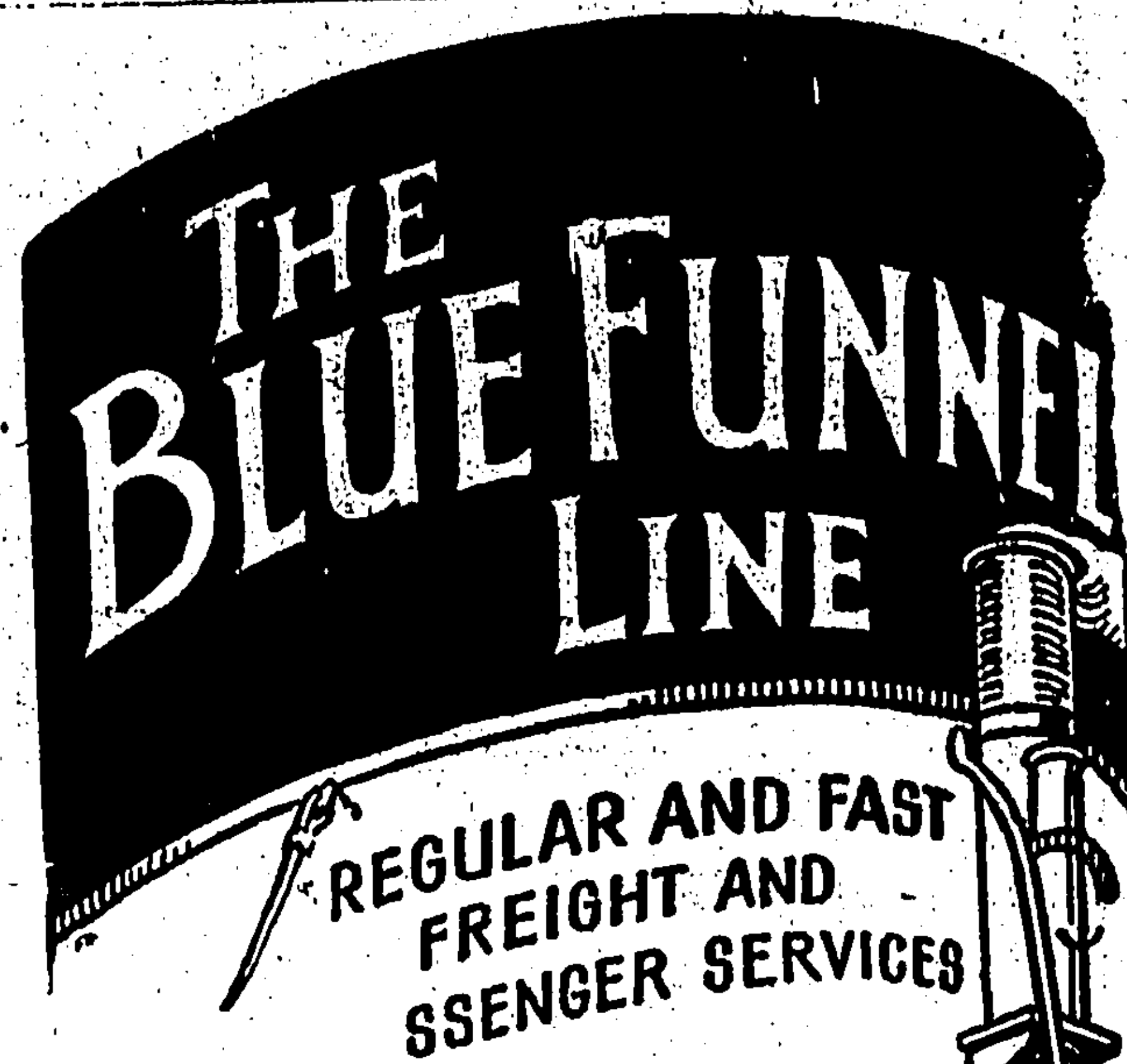
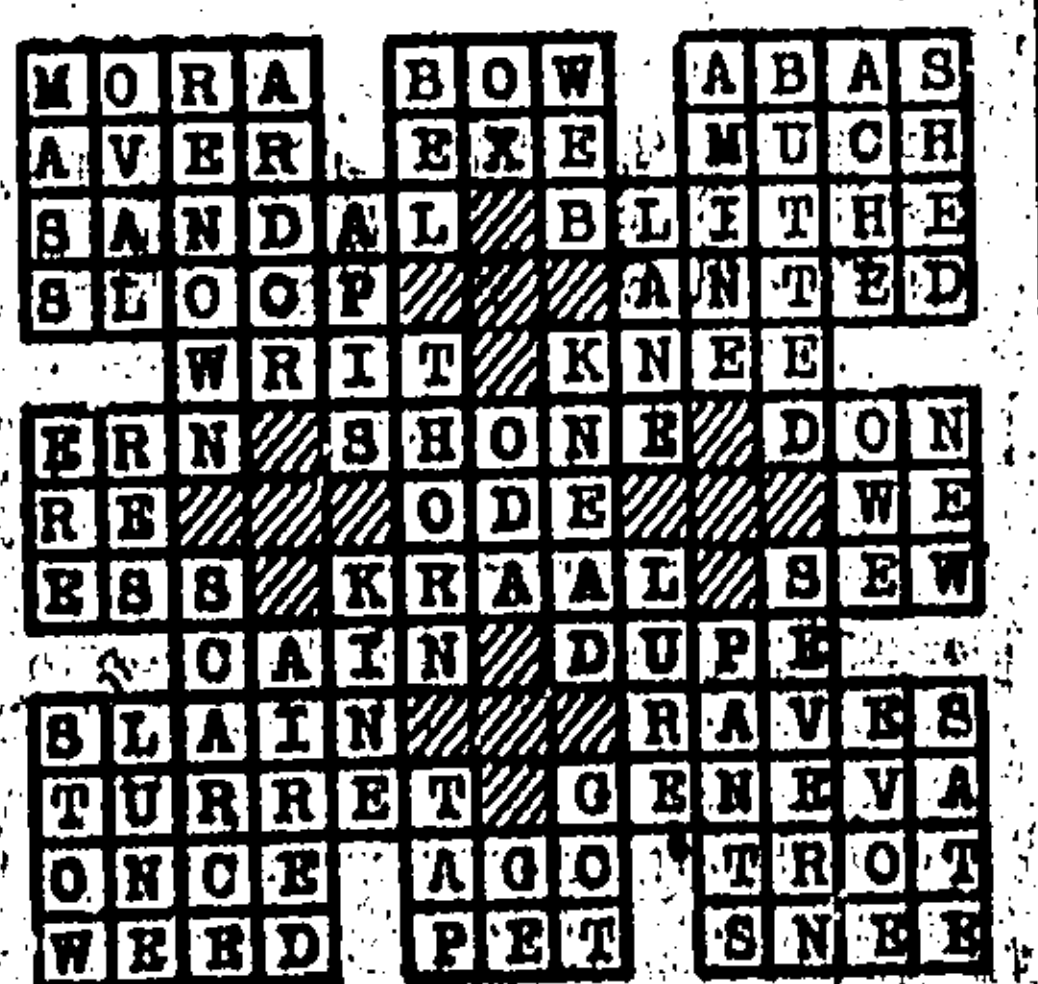
#### VERTICAL

- 60 Not any
- 61 Whole
- 63 To teem
- 65 Parts of shoes
- 66 French article
- 67 To understand

#### VERTICAL

- 1 To assist
- 2 Siberian river
- 3 When
- 4 Scents
- 5 Underneath
- 6 Sacred Hindu city
- 7 Part of "to be"
- 8 Corded textiles
- 9 Hostler
- 10 Self
- 12 Exists
- 14 Teutonic deity
- 17 Solar disc
- 20 Ship channel
- 24 Short sleeps
- 25 Sodium chloride
- 27 Discount
- 28 To sound
- 29 Immerses
- 30 Ox of Celebes
- 32 Phoenician city
- 36 To succeed
- 37 Elves
- 42 Location
- 44 Uneven
- 46 Likewise
- 48 Prescribing punishment
- 49 To investigate
- 51 To disappoint
- 54 English queen
- 55 Manner
- 56 To exist
- 57 Abstract being
- 59 Artificial language
- 62 Note of scale
- 64 Pronoun

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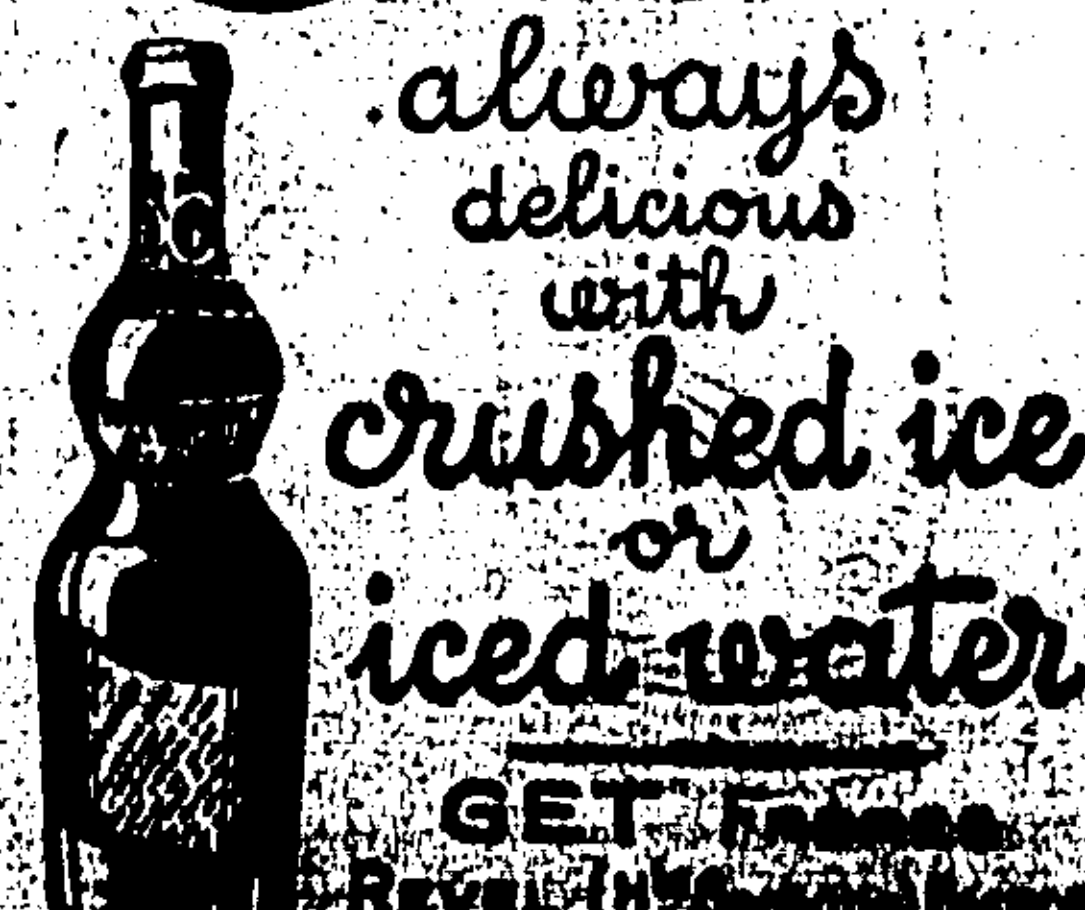
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**STEAMBOAT CO. MEETING****H.K. RIVER SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES**

THE WAR IN CHINA AND cut-throat competition from firms which, in the words of a shareholder, could not be considered "legitimate trading interests," combined, with certain other relevant factors, to give the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., a net loss for the year of \$173,985.04, it was revealed at the annual meeting at noon to-day.

Mr. M. K. Lo was in the chair, supported by Messrs. Li Tse-fong, J. P. Braga, L. B. Wood, D. L. Newbigging and Tung Fan Lo, directors, and Mr. H. da Luz, secretary.

The chairman said:—

In concluding my speech at the annual general meeting held last year I remarked:—

I feel that I should again convey to you a note of warning concerning prospects in the immediate future. We have benefited from the abnormal conditions which prevailed most of last year. For that we must be thankful. But he must be a bold person who, without an utter disregard of the portent of the dark clouds gathering ahead of him, would dare view the immediate future with any degree of complacency or with optimism.

It is with keen regret that I have to confess that the result of last year's trading was even worse than my gloomy forebodings had led me to expect, accounting for a loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., of \$173,985.04. This loss has been transferred to profit and loss account, thus reducing the credit of that account to the sum of \$31,739.59, which your directors recommend be carried forward to a new account.

Apart from a short period during September, when company's steamers carried full number of passengers from Hong Kong to Macao, the company has had to face adverse trading conditions through the year.

In the Canton line negotiations with the authorities concerned resulted in the Kinshan being permitted a passenger service between the two ports. Subsequently, in agreement with the China Navigation Co. Ltd., the Fatshan took over the run, thus permitting the Kinshan to resume uninterrupted service in the Macao line.

I wish to record the grateful appreciation of this company to H.B.M. Consul General in Canton for his valuable services in connection with the negotiations above referred to.

**LITTLE INDUCEMENT**

With Canton being virtually closed, the company's activities had to be restricted to the Hong Kong-Macao run. At best this line offers but little inducement to tonnage larger than that of the smaller type of river steamers. Before the occupation of Kongmoon—which replaced Canton as the trading centre of the Kwangtung Province at the beginning of the year—and some of the surrounding districts, returns by company's steamers were more or less satisfactory. Kongmoon fell in March, thus severing the remaining link between Hong Kong and the interior via Macao. Communication with the surrounding districts was then maintained by small

boats through shallow creeks. Later the situation improved.

With an apprehensive business community in the interior, and with communication facilities being subjected to intermittent interruptions, competition for the meagre offerings continued until June, when the Chinese currency began to depreciate. Freight returns reflected the uncertainty of the moment, and with the cholera restrictions being enforced in the Colony, river shipping companies were faced with insuperable difficulties. The company's Taishan was taken off the line for about two weeks as a result.

**SENSELESS COMPETITION**

In September an effort was made to remedy what appeared to be a desperate situation, and to end the senseless competition among river shipping companies. An agreement was reached, but I am sorry to say that that agreement was broken within two weeks of its inception. Further comments seem superfluous.

The Sui Tai was sold to Yangtze interests in July. The sale was not unprofitable. In fact, the Sui Tai had outlived her usefulness to the company.

In June, the directors decided to proceed with the reconditioning of the Lee Hong, purchased in 1938, and to rename her Chungshan.

In October, after the outbreak of war in Europe, certain regulations concerning the movements of steamers were put in force by Government. Amongst these was the closing of the Cap Si Mun Pass to river steamers. The new passage via the Lamma Channel means a much longer journey for the steamers, and exposure to inclement weather.

It is with sincere regret that I record here to-day the death in December last year of the late Mr. Walter Hung, the manager of the company's Chinese department. Mr. Hung had succeeded his father, the late Mr. Hung Tsze Yee, and had been in the company's service for seven years. He served the company with ability and devotion.

The company's Taishan has just been replaced by the Chungshan in the Macao Line service. Cost of operation has advanced to the stage where your directors consider it inadvisable to keep the Taishan in commission, though they hope that the lay-up of the steamer will only be temporary.

**RIVER COMBINE?**

As I ventured to remark to you last year, "unless it is generally recognised and appreciated that adventuring in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear that we must continue to expect the worst." I am happy to say that from various indications it would seem that the truism that cut-

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## Young Tsui Misses Great Chance Of Making History

### LEADS 4-2 IN FINAL SET BUT UNABLE TO FORCE DECISION

(By "ADREM")

IN THE MURK OF 6.30 at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, the fair crowd of spectators gathered to watch the semi-final tie between holder Tsui Wai-pui and his brother Tsui Yan-pui, had visions of history being made.

Yan-pui, after four sets had been shared, led 4-2 in the final set and, on his form, appeared to be certain of winning. Unfortunately he lost his touch and his brother crept up to level at 4-all at which stage the light

was so bad that Mr. C. J. Tacchi, the umpire, abandoned the game.

Yesterday's scores were, Yan-pui's given first, 6-2, 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, and 4-4.

I may be rather hard to satisfy but I must confess to a certain amount of disappointment in the match. Probably I was expecting too much. There were some brilliant rallies and some of the strokes produced were such that only a Tsui could have produced them. But there were also a great many errors and periods when both men lacked concentration.

## TERRIBLE SERVING

Tsui Wai-pui served atrociously. On occasion he managed to get over a fast first service reminiscent of his form of last year but I shudder to think of the number of doubles which would have been chalked up against him had anyone bothered to keep a tally of them.

Actually, so far as I could see, it was Yan-pui's service superiority that carried him as far as he got. In the last set his first service was in excellent working order and big brother was probably ached on more occasions than at any other time in his career.

Yan-pui's form throughout the match was variable. I noticed that in the first few games of each set, with the exception of the first, he appeared to find great difficulty in finding touch with the new balls provided. Result was a series of ballooned shots which soared well out of court when he tried to hit the ball hard.

## BEAUTIFUL BACKHAND

For almost the entire match he was lacking in confidence on the forehand, although his nicely-produced backhand was a poem of rhythm throughout. His brother's clever courtcraft and unfailing ability to catch him on the wrong foot when he went into the net, gave him little opportunity of showing what he could do on the volley, and on the whole he lost more points in this department than he made. Overhead he was safe enough and was never afraid to go for outright winners.

## TO-DAY'S MATCH

There is only one tennis match down for decision at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day. H. D. Rumjahn will meet S. A. Rumjahn in a replay of the match last week when no decision was reached after four sets had been played.

forcing a decision.

The match will be replayed—the second singles semi-final to have suffered this fate.

## STEAMBOAT COMPANY MEETING

(Continued from Page 14)

throat competition, by resorting to reducing fares to absolutely uneconomic levels, can do no good to anyone, is now more generally recognised. When I mention that at the worst period of such competition it was possible to travel to Macao for about HK\$0.08, my point will be readily understood. At long last a combine of the river shipping companies has been mooted, and if such a combine should materialise, as the directors hope it will, then at all events some of the ill effects of the suicidal competition can be eliminated.

I can only say that, in my view, the immediate prospects are not bright, and that we should not deceive ourselves with any false hopes. The struggle ahead will no doubt be a very severe one, but, happily, the company is in a position to face the future with reasonable equanimity. By concentrating our efforts on conserving our resources as far as possible until the clouds have cleared, we can hope for the dawn of a better day.

If my speech has seemed rather gloomy I am happy to be able to refer to a point with enthusiasm, namely, the splendid loyalty and wholehearted co-operation of the staff of the company, both ashore and afloat, during a period of anxiety and exceptional difficulty. The directors wish to record their grateful appreciation to them.

## OUTSIDE SUBSIDIES

Seconding the report and accounts, Mr. W. E. Kirby, shareholder secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, asked whether, with regard to the agreement with certain river steamers referred to in the chairman's speech, certain of these ships were being subsidised from sources outside the Colony which could not be considered legitimate trading interests.

Mr. Lo: "Yes."

"Is there no hope of that position being eliminated?—No."

Mr. Kirby asked whether the reconditioning of the Chungshan was covered under loss on working or as a trading loss. Mr. Lo said it was a trading loss; the cost of reconditioning had been capitalised.

Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga were re-elected directors and the appointment of Mr. L. P. Wood was confirmed. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at \$1,250 each.

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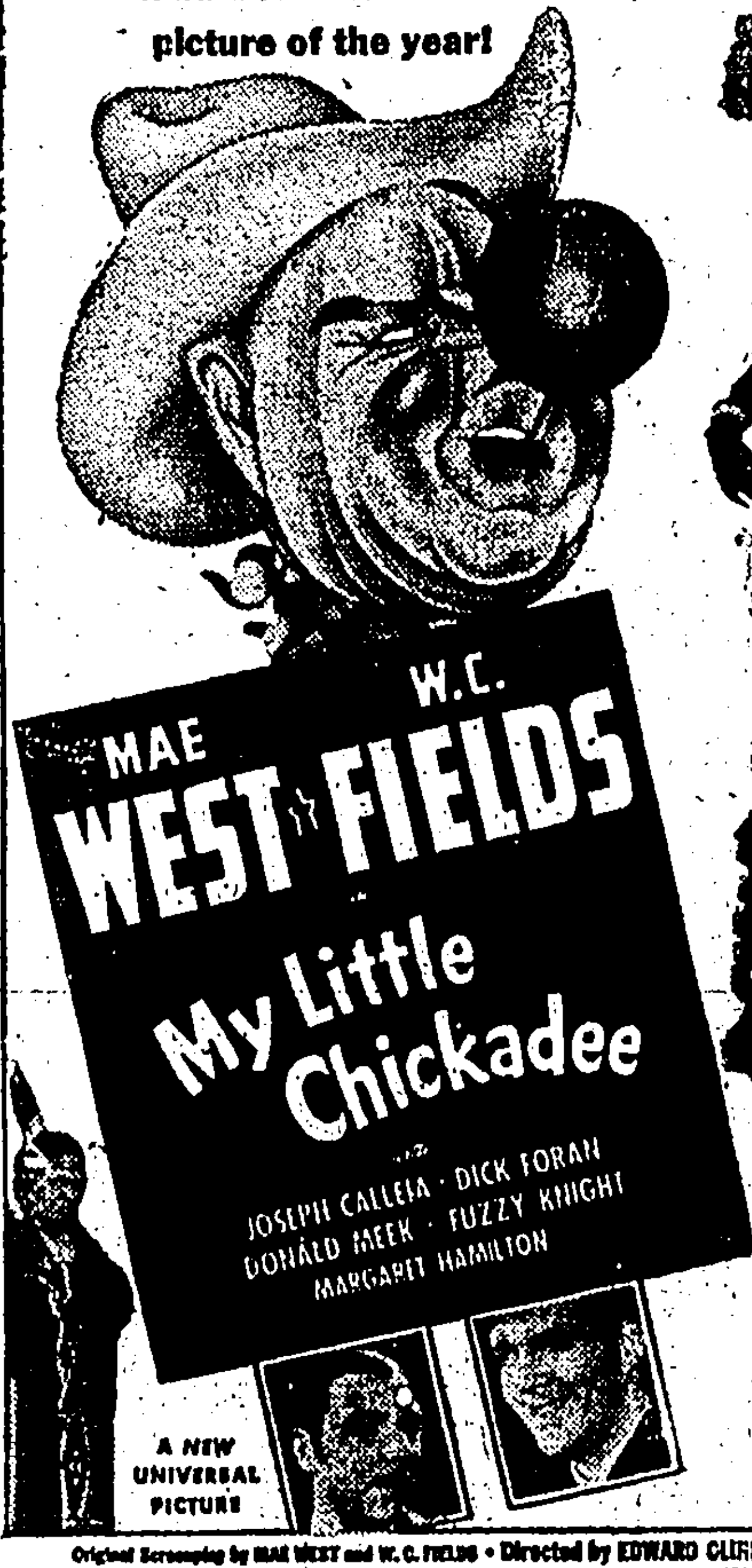
Wai-pui, in the second and third sets, was irresistible. It appeared during this period that he would win the match at three sets to one. He definitely turned on the heat and his brother had no answer for his powerful driving on both hands and cunning disguise of pace and direction. His most spectacular shots were made when in losing positions, when he flashed out cross-court forehand drives which were absolutely untouchable.

He showed, however, his old penchant for going unnecessarily for the spectacular shot when a touch was all that was required for a point and it was as much this failing of his as anything else which prevented him

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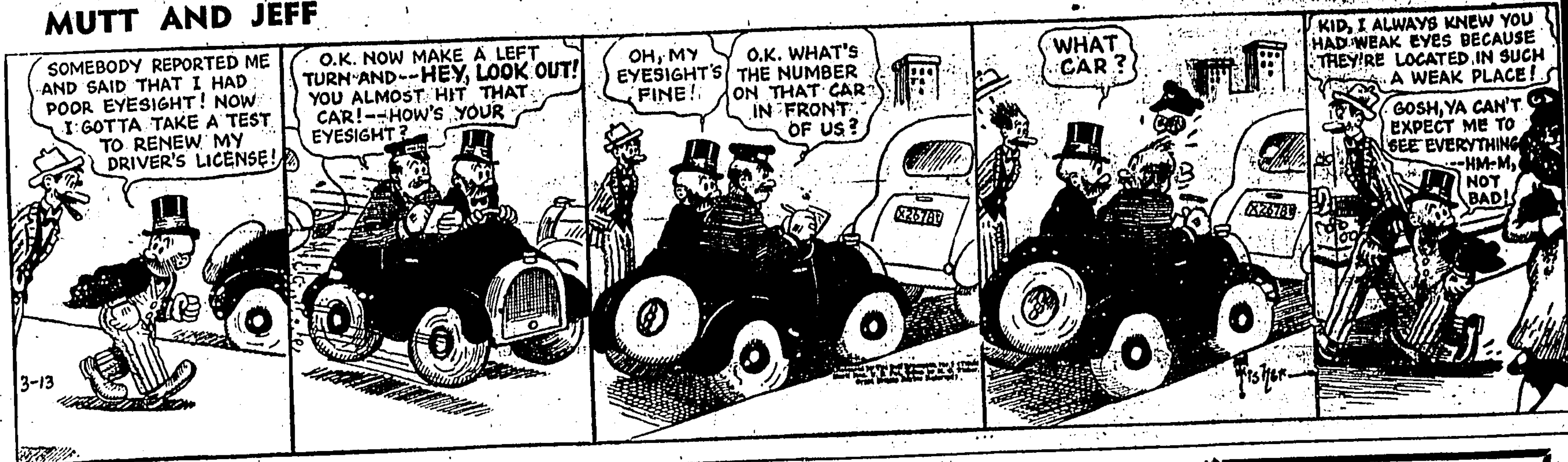
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7.15 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of "Toc H".  
7.18 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).  
Waltzing Matilda (Cowan, arr. Wood); Waiata Poi (Hill)... with Orchestra and Chorus.  
On The Road to Mandalay (Oley Speaks); Sylvia (Oley Speaks)... with Piano accomp. by Hubert Greenslade and Organ, accomp. by Herbert Dawson.

## To-day's Wireless

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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Two-Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).  
8.23 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
"A Waltz Dream" — Potpourri (Straus, arr. Dostal).  
The Music Comes (O. Straus).  
Song of Paradise (Reginald King).  
Columbine's Rendezvous (Heykens).

"Die Fledermaus" — Selection (J. Strauss).

8.45 p.m.—Jessie Matthews (Soprano), Raie da Costa (Piano) and Reginald Dixon (Organ).

Organ—"Chorus Gentlemen, Please".  
Intro: Hunting we will go; Sally in our Alley; John Peel; Oh Dear what can the matter be; London-derry Air; There's a Tavern in the Town; Men of Harlech; Drink to me only; British Grenadiers; The Minstrel Boy; Sir Roger de Coverley; Auld Lang Syne... Reginald Dixon.

Vocal—Slipping Through My Fingers (from 'It's love again')... Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Piano — A Thousand Goodnights (Donaldson); True (Samuels & Whitcup)... Raie da Costa with Orchestra accomp. and Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—Let Me Give My Happiness to You (film 'The Good Companions'); Three Wishes (film 'The Good Companions')... Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orch. Organ—Dancing Time No. 5: The

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Fox-Trot—Grandma said; I miss you in the morning; The Waltz—I shall always remember you smiling; Where the Shannon flows down to the sea... Reginald Dixon.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay — "Vive la France".

9.45 p.m.—A Light French Programme.

La Polka Du Roi (Trenet); Le Grand Cafe (Trenet)... Charles Trenet (Vocal) and His Orchestra.

Le Bonheur est entre dans Mon Coeur (film 'La Goualeuse'); Dis-Moi Pourquoi (film 'La Goualeuse')... Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Il Est Un Doux Pays (Nutila-Laurent); Colombella (Pierlas-Fernay)... Micheletti (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Mon Meilleur Ami (Berthomieu-Tabet); Entraineuse (Tabet)... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.

Pigeon Vole—Fox-Trot (Misraki); En Quittant Une Ville (Trenet)... Charles Trenet & His Orch.

10.15 p.m.—Grieg—Incidental Music to Peer Gynt. Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus conducted by Paul Kerby.

10.30 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

## A SUCCESSFUL LEAP

While generally we don't think much of "one-two-six" bidding, it should be explained that South was playing with North for the first time and they had no well defined Slam procedure. Otherwise South might have tried to get to a Grand Slam. After all, if North held the King of clubs instead of the Ace of spades, the Grand Slam could have been made.

South, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 10 7 4  
♥ A 10 6 2  
♦ 3  
♣ 6 5 4 3  
♠ K Q J 8  
♥ 5 2  
♦ 9  
♣ Q 9 6  
♠ K J 7

♠ 9 8 3  
♥ 7 4  
♦ J 10 8 7  
♣ 5 2  
♠ 10 8

♠ K Q J 8 5 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A Q 9 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The King of spades was opened and dummy, while quite sound, was just about as undesirable as South could get. Declarer won the opening lead with the spade Ace, discarding a club from his own hand. He next led a low spade and trumped it, played two rounds of trumps, stopping in dummy, trumped another spade

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOURACES SYSTEM

ACE KING 3  
QUEEN 2  
JACK 1

TOTAL VALUE OF HANDS IN FOURACES SYSTEM

IN HIS OWN HAND, CASHED THE ACE AND KING OF DIAMONDS, DISCARDING A SPADE FROM DUMMY, TRUMPED HIS ONE REMAINING DIAMOND IN DUMMY, AND NOW, HAVING STRIPPED HIS OWN HAND AND DUMMY OF SPADES AND DIAMONDS, HE PLAYED A CLUB FROM DUMMY.

East desperately went up with the ten, but this did him no good. South played the Queen, West won with the King and now Declarer spread his hand since any lead by West would be a loser.

As Howard Schenken's partner yesterday you held:

♠ 9 x x x  
♥ 10 9  
♦ A Q J  
♣ A K Q 10

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Hid three notrump. You have no honour in spades, and since you can be certain your partner holds but four in that suit, a bad spade break might defeat you at four spades. Nothing is likely to beat three notrump.

Score 100% for three notrump, 60% for four spades, 0 for any Slam try (if your partner had bid two spades over two clubs, you could afford to invite a Slam. As it is, his bidding merely shows he does not like notrump.)

QUESTION NO. 393

You are Declarer at six notrump. Dummy holds:

♠ K Q 10 9 x  
♥ A Q  
♦ A K Q J 10  
♣ K

Your hand is:

♠ 8 x  
♥ K 10 9 x  
♦ x x  
♣ A J x x x

The deuce of hearts is opened. How do you play the hand? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

POLICE RAID  
AT LAMMA

Early yesterday morning a raid was carried out by the Water Police on junks and sampans in Yung Shu Bay, Lamma Island.

No arrests were made.

It is understood that the police received information that pirates, responsible for recent attacks on cargo junks, were using the bay as a base of operations against junks leaving and about to enter the Colony's waters.

## KOWLOON ROBBERY

Posing as detectives and police searchers, three men and a woman, gained entrance to the second floor of No. 27, Reclamation Street, and robbed the inmates of \$871 in money and jewellery shortly after 10 p.m. last night.



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**BADMINTON****P.H. WONG WINS ALL THREE COLONY TITLES***Thrilling Rallies In Men's Doubles Encounter***CHEW PLAYS WELL; YONG IMPROVES**

(By "ADREM")

PATRICK H. WONG, the brilliant Chinese Y.M.C.A. player, last night accomplished what P. K. Hui, of University, did for the two previous seasons, namely winning all three major badminton titles.

Winning the singles crown on Monday, Wong added the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles to his season's bag at K.C.C. last night.

A crowd estimated by the Hon. Secretary of the Association as being the largest ever to have watched badminton matches in the Colony since the game became organized, was treated to some splendid fare, and last night's exhibition is bound to accomplish much towards further popularising a game already catching on rapidly in the public imagination.

As already mentioned, Wong won both the matches in which he was engaged. I would not say, however, that he won them in any convincing manner. Indeed in his second match of the evening, Yong and Chew were much the better players and so far did they dominate the exchanges that it appeared that only a most remarkable improvement in form could save the Chinese "Y" pair from defeat.

**WONG'S FINE EFFORT**

That that rally was forthcoming can be attributed to Wong, whose wealth of experience enabled him, practically off his own racket, to turn a losing position into a winning one.

Wong and Au could not get together as a combination in the first game and sound work by Yong, and sustained brilliance by Chew—easily the best man on the court at this stage—saw the University pair draw away from 6 and go out for game without conceding another ace.

It is possible that a footfault decision against each of the Chinese "Y" players upset their game to a certain extent, but for that they have only themselves to blame. For players of their experience they should at least be familiar with the rules of the game in which they have achieved such eminence.

Second game saw little improvement in the play of either Wong and Au to start with. When forced they were erratic and add to this a complete inability to serve, and one will readily appreciate the seeming hopelessness of the situation as far as they were concerned.

**AU "SPECTATES"**

Wong, however, was holding on grimly and when University had gone to 7-5 he took complete control of the game himself. During this period Au was nothing more than a spectator. Wong produced every shot in the bag and with powerful smashing and cunning drops wiped off the deficit to take the game at 15-8.

A short rest and then the final game commenced. Interspersed with a number of errors were some of the most brilliant rallies seen in the local championships.

Wong did not appear to have benefited by his rest and Yong and Chew once again took command. Au was very erratic and Wong was little better but this did not detract from the brilliance of University's game. Both

men brought off some good shots and took full advantage of any opportunities which came their way.

Leading 5-0 and 5-1 the University pair, showing far more confidence, appeared to have the match in hand but once again came a rally from the opposition in which, on this occasion, Au was not found wanting. The rallies were played at lightning speed and some of the recoveries were amazing to say the least. In most of them, however, Wong usually managed to crash home a winner and although University contested every point, they were unable once again to get on top and Chinese "Y" went out at 15-9 for game and match.

**UNIVERSITY TRIFLE UNLUCKY**

In many respects University were unfortunate to lose. They were much the better balanced pair and, on the whole, revealed a wider repertoire of strokes. Chew played consistently well and Yong improved out of all recognition as the evening progressed although feeling the effects of his first match.

Wong and Au never looked sure of themselves and I don't suppose Wong has ever had to worry more over the result of a match than he did last night.

**YONG AND MISS KHOO OUTCLASSED**

In many respects the mixed doubles match was disappointing and Wong and Miss Cheung were never in any difficulty. Yong was quite unable to get his strokes in working order and, while making a number of inexplicable errors, was also unable to get sufficient length on his clearing shots.

Result was Wong was able to adopt the initiative from the start and his accurate smashing paved the way for numerous points.

There was little to choose between the two ladies. Miss Cheung has improved out of all recognition and has evidently been well coached. She positioned herself very well and was consequently able to score repeatedly with nice touches at the net.

**MISS KHOO'S SERVING**

Miss Khoo served extremely well—far better than did her partner—and she also accomplished much good work on the forecourt. Apart from Yong's poor form the breakdown in the University combination can be attributed to complete lack of understanding. Yong was too apt to go in for drop shots with the result that both players were frequently in the same positions with the back of the court open to a clearing shot which nearly always scored outright.

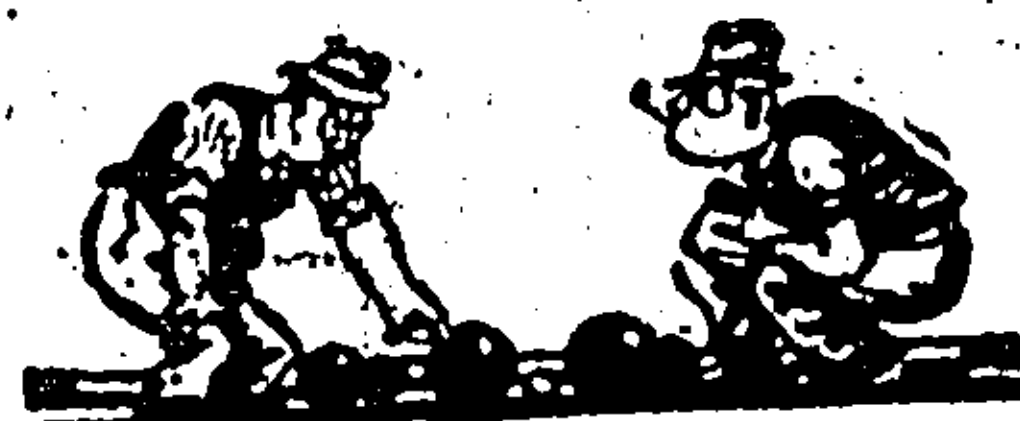
Wong and Miss Cheung won the first game at 15-7 and secured the second at the same score.

**RESULTS AT A GLANCE****MIXED DOUBLES**

Patrick Wong and Miss W. Cheung beat K. L. Yong and Miss Ullan Khoo 15-7 15-7.

**MEN'S DOUBLES**

Patrick Wong and C. Au beat K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew 6-15, 15-8 and 15-9.

**RECREIO VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY REST**

The following have been selected to play the intra-club lawn bowls match at Club de Recreio on Sunday between "Volunteers" and "The Rest":

**VOLUNTEERS**

J. A. Remedios  
C. A. Marques  
A. F. Noronha  
H. A. Alves  
(Skip)

J. A. Luz  
L. A. Rozario  
L. A. Guterres  
C. Roza Pereira  
(Skip)

J. D. Remedios  
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A. M. Xavier  
C. G. Silva  
(Skip)

P. M. N. Silva  
M. Mendonca  
J. C. Remedios  
J. F. Ribeiro  
(Skip)

M. Alarcon  
D. F. Lopes  
C. M. Silva  
Dr. A. Rodrigues  
(Skip)

D. C. Alves  
J. Fonseca  
H. A. Botelho  
F. V. Ribeiro  
(Skip)

**THE REST**

H. R. Pinna  
C. M. S. Alves  
C. E. Marques  
J. E. Noronha  
(Skip)

Braz Alves  
P. A. Yvanovich  
C. A. Lopes  
F. X. Soares  
(Skip)

Fred Xavier  
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R. F. Luz  
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M. F. Pinna  
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L. F. Xavier  
F. X. Silva  
(Skip)

C. F. Vas  
E. I. Leitao  
Dr. A. Guterres  
B. Basto  
(Skip)

F. Machado  
C. H. Basto  
O. P. Remedios  
J. J. Basto  
(Skip)

**H. K. F. C. BOWLS TEAMS**

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Football Club against Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday in the Valley Cup Competition.

A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bellington (Skip).  
J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (Skip).  
J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (Skip).

F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (Skip).  
A. B. Didsbury, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham and G. S. Graver (Skip).  
J. I. Barnes, T. R. Rowell, H. H. Beddow and S. H. Strange (Skip).

**C.S.C.C. TEAM**

The following will represent Civil Service in the Valley Cup on Saturday:

J. Gellately, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (Skip).  
M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (Skip).  
E. W. C. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collyer and F. J. Jones (Skip).

A. F. Shepherd, H. Parrott, H. F. Harper and A. B. Allen (Skip).  
H. Lord, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (Skip).

C. J. Walker, J. R. Carr, P. D. Crewley and C. Strange (Skip).

Reserves: J. F. Hickman, J. C. Lucas, T. Seddon, A. J. MacFayden, J. Barnett and T. E. Wood.

**YACHTING**

The following were the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 9.45 miles:

Yacht	Time	Pos.
Alia	6.26.59	1
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)		
True Blue	6.27.45	2
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)		
Joss	D.N.F.	
Gull	D.N.F.	

**SCOTS WIN**

The Scotland versus the Rest golf match, held by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club on Tuesday, resulted in a win for Scotland 9½ to 7½.

**Results:**

Mrs. A. C. Meredith (Rest) beat Mrs. W. S. Hillier (Scotland); Mrs. I. W. Shewan (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. G. Sheldon (Rest); Mrs. P. S. Cassidy (Scotland) beat Mrs. F. A. Redmond (Rest); Mrs. K. S. Robertson (Scotland) beat Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley (Rest); Mrs. M. A. Johnson (Scotland) beat Mrs. J. R. Collis (Rest); Mrs. H. B. Rose (Rest) beat Mrs. R. C. Stewart (Scotland); Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (Scotland) beat Mrs. R. D. Walker (Rest); Mrs. H. Overy (Rest) beat Miss M. Glendinning (Scotland); Mrs. F. D. Hunter (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. C. Margrett (Rest); Mrs. D. S. Edward (Scotland) beat Mrs. L. Blair (Rest); Mrs. C. B. Brown (Rest) beat Mrs. A. Nichol (Scotland); Mrs. A. V. Greaves (Scotland) beat Mrs. A. J. Dennis (Rest); Mrs. R. J. Shrigley (Scotland) beat Miss N. Price (Rest); Mrs. W. Park (Rest) beat Mrs. W. Fleming (Scotland); Mrs. R. R. Davies (Rest) beat Lady MacGregor (Scotland); Mrs. F. C. Young (Rest) beat Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh (Scotland).

**HOME SOCCER RESULTS**

London, To-day.  
The following were the results of football games played yesterday:

South China			
Arsenal	2	Tottenham	4
Chelsea	2	Millwall	1
Southampton	1	Portsmouth	0
Reading	1	Southend	1
North Western			
Blackpool	7	Rochdale	2
SCOTTISH LEAGUE			
Western			
Ayr	2	Hamilton	2
Dumbarton	2	Rangers	3
Motherwell	1	Clyde	1
Partick	5	Kilmarnock	2
Tjird Lanark	1	Queen O'S	1
Eastern			
Aberdeen	3	Dundee U	1
King's Park	5	Rath	0
St. Johnstone	6	St. Bernards	1
Stenhousemuir	2	Arbroath	0
Representative Game			
Scotland	4	Army	1
(Played at Edinburgh).			

—Reuter.

**S. CHINA "B" WIN**

South China "A" First Division Soccer champions, were beaten by South China "B" by the odd goal in three in their postponed First Division game at Caroline Hill yesterday. The Champions only fielded four of their regular side.

**EASTERN RETURN**

Eastern Athletic Association returned to the Colony from Manila by the Clipper yesterday afternoon. They won six of their seven games played and contemplate a return visit in May.

**REFEREES' DANCE**

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold their monthly dance at Hotel Cecil to-morrow night from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Band of Royal Scots by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall M. C. and Officers, will be in attendance. Spot prizes will be given in each half.



# LEVER'S FINE EFFORT

A javelin throw of 177 ft. by Pte. Lever, which has been beaten only twice in the Army championships in England since 1935, was the highlight of yesterday's finals and heats in the Army athletic championships on the Polo Ground.

## Results:

180-Ston Tug-of-war (Semi-Finals):—12th Heavy Regt. and Hong Kong Singapore Regt. qualified.

880 Yards Relay:—First heat, 1, Middlesex (1.38); 2, H.K.S.R.A. (1.39); 3, Small Units (1.40.8); 4, Kumaon Rifles. Second heat, 1, 12th Heavy Regt. (1.37.8); 2, Rajputana Rifles (1.38.4); 3, Royal Scots (1.38.8); 4, 8th Heavy Regt.

Throwing The Javelin (Final) (Best of two throws):—1, Middlesex Regt. (318 ft. 8½ ins. (177 ft. and 141 ft. 8½ ins.); 2, 8th Heavy Regt. (285 ft. 10 ins.); 3, Rajputana Rifles (261 ft. 1½ ins.); 4, Royal Scots (260 ft. 11 ins.); 5, 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. (256 ft. 5½ ins.); 6, Small Units (255 ft. ½ ins.); 7, H.K.S.R.A. (254 ft. 8½ ins.).

Mile Relay:—First heat, 1, 12th Heavy Regt. (3.41.8); 2, Royal Scots (3.43.8); 3, Rajputana Rifles (3.45); 4, 8th Heavy Regt. 5, 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. Second heat, 1, Middlesex (3.45.6); 2, Small Units (3.45.8); 3, H.K.S.R.A.; 4, Kumaon Rifles.

High Jump Final (Best of two jumps):—1, 5th A.A. Regt. and 8th Heavy Regt. (10 ft. 6 ins.); 3, Middlesex (10 ft. 5 ins.); 4,

H.K.S.R.A. and Rajputana Rifles (10 ft. 3 ins.); 6, Small Units (10 ft.); 7, 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. (9 ft. 11 ins.); 8, Royal Scots (9 ft. 8 ins.); 9, Kumaon Rifles (9 ft. 6 ins.). Highest individual jump was 5 ft. 4 ins.

480 Yards Low Hurdles:—12th Heavy Regt. (1.17.2), Royal Scots (1.15.2), 8th Heavy Regt. (1.15) and 5th A.A. Regt. (1.21.4) have qualified for the finals; the other team having been disqualified.

Long Jump Final (Best of two jumps):—1, Rajputana Rifles (39 ft. 10 ins) (20 ft. 9 ins. and 20 ft. 9 ins.); 2, H.K.S.R.A. (39 ft. 3 ins.); 3, Royal Scots (39 ft. 1 in.); 4, Middlesex (38 ft. 10½ ins.); 5, 5th A.A. Regt. (38 ft. 8 ins.); 6, 12th Heavy Regt. (38 ft. 7½ ins.); 7, Kumaon Rifles (38 ft. 5 ins.);



8, Kumaon Rifles (35 ft. 7½ ins.). Best individual jump, 12th Heavy Regt. 20 ft. 11 ins.

Polo Vault Final (Best of two jumps):—1, H.K.S.R.A. (18 ft. 10 ins.); 2, Rajputana Rifles (18 ft. 1 in.); 3, Middlesex (17 ft. 7 ins.); 4, 8th Heavy Regt. (16 ft. 7 ins.); 5, Royal Scots (16 ft. 4 ins.); 6, 12th Heavy Regt. (15 ft. 4 ins.); 7, 5th A.A. Regt. (15 ft. 1 in.).

Three Miles Team Race Final:—1, Rajputana Rifles (16 mins. 2 secs.); 2, 8th Heavy Regt. (16 mins. 4 2/5 secs.); 3, 12th Heavy Regt. (16 mins. 4 4/5 secs.).

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th April to 25th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1940.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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## LATE NEWS

## VIOLENT FIGHTING IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Aftonbladet" reports that the Allied troops are constantly receiving reinforcements which are disembarking at Andalsnes.

In the Lillehammer district, where the Allied troops have been considerably strengthened, the total expeditionary force is believed to be at least 7,000.

Violent fighting is going on in the region of Steinkjer.—Havas.

## Steinkjer Razed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the town of Steinkjer has been completely razed as a result of constant German bombing, but the Allies are maintaining their positions around the town despite violent German counter-attacks aiming to break the Allies' encircling move before it is too late.

The Allied troops are constantly increasing with new landings at Namsos and Andalsnes, while the British anti-aircraft defences are being gradually strengthened.—Havas.

## Action Dying Down?

London, To-day.

According to the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Allehanda" at Grong, the fierce fighting between the Allies and the Germans in the Steinkjer sector has died down.

Steinkjer has been entirely destroyed and its 6,000 inhabitants are homeless.

The Norwegian Chief of Staff told

## NORWEGIAN IN FIGHT ON SHIP

A FIGHT BETWEEN A NORWEGIAN AND A CHINESE ON BOARD A SHIP IN HARBOUR ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, RESULTING IN THE CHINESE GOING TO KOWLOON HOSPITAL, WAS MENTIONED BY DET.-SGT. A. A. SHAW THIS MORNING, WHEN BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN, THEY WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

They were Sung Shek, 38, mess boy, and L. Hage, 23, third engineer. Both pleaded guilty and were placed on a \$30 bond to keep the peace.

It was stated that Hage had been discharged and Sung Shek had resigned.

They were alleged to have fought with beer bottles after quarreling over the price of a bottle of beer.

Sung was alleged to have picked up a chopper with the intent to attack Hage, but was disarmed by the Chief Officer, who summoned the police.

On arrival, the police found Sung covered with blood. Hage had gone ashore.

the correspondent that the German advance in the Steinkjer sector was not great and there is no immediate danger to the Allies.—Reuter.

## Out in Time

Stockholm, To-day.

According to frontier reports, the British field headquarters at Steinkjer were hastily evacuated just before Nazi planes razed the town.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

The attention of British newspapers to-day reverts to Norway. Though official confirmation is necessarily fragmentary, the Norwegian campaign is seen as being satisfactorily conducted.

The view is expressed that it may be a long and hard task but the belief in ultimate victory remains unshaken.

Note is taken of the fact that a strong German counter-attack in the Trondheim sector has been repulsed and the situation re-established. Satisfaction is equally expressed at the far-reaching exploits of the R.A.F. which have carried out the biggest series of night raids on enemy aerodromes since the war began.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes: We have every reason to be satisfied with the speed and daring of the campaign and its results. The campaign is still only in the early stages.

The Allies have been racing to frustrate German plans, and so far they are ahead.

Command of the sea has been brilliantly used to make landings over a long stretch of coast. The persistence and energy of our bombing have restricted the capacity of the German air force.

The German troops rely on air strength to obtain success. One of the first objectives of our forces must be to establish bases in Norway from which bombers and fighters can deal with the German forces faithfully.

The "Daily Express" assures its readers that Hitler will be faced with failure in Scandinavia.

The "News Chronicle" says Britain's bombers are warming things up for Hitler's air bases.

The "Daily Mail" declares the R.A.F. has carried out the greatest raids of the war.

The "Manchester Guardian" thinks we must be prepared for a long and hard task in Norway. On the whole we have good cause for satisfaction. We have also managed to entrench ourselves in Norway and, unlike the enemy, we have a fleet at our back. For the first time Germany has found something hard to take, and while the legend of invincibility fades, her supplies of oil and petrol are also being consumed.—Reuter.

When the "Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932," providing for penalties for indiscriminate spitting, came before Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, supporting the bill, said that as regards spitting being a major cause of tuberculosis, he was not competent to speak, but that this "thoroughly disgusting habit" may be a contributory cause and should be eradicated was obvious.

It was obvious that intensive propaganda was necessary to form a background of knowledge before spitting could be eradicated; at the same time, legislation was necessary in cases where, for instance, a police officer or sanitary inspector drew attention to an offence and met with a crude retort to mind his own business.

With regard to statements in the local press about the reactionary attitude of Chinese to anti-spitting measures, he had the permission of the S.C.A. to disclose that at a meeting of the District Watch Committee the measure was unanimously approved. Mr. Lo hoped that the bill would speedily enable them to achieve the results hoped for.

## LORRY FATALITY

Knocked down by a lorry in Killung Street yesterday, a 16-year-old Chinese boy, Lai Kui, suffered a fractured skull and was killed on the spot. The police are investigating.

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